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Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Jerusalem's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashash affix a mezuza to the doorpost of the Israel interest section in Rabat yesterday. (See story below.) (AP)

Prince Hassan: Trans-national Islamic body could run Jerusalem's Moslem holy sites

JORDAN will retain custodianship over the Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem for the foreseeable future, until a representative pan-Islamic body can be formed to administer the areas, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan said yesterday in Casablanca.

Speaking to Israel Radio, Hassan indicated that inter-Arab discussions would have to take place on the matter and that he expected some transnational Islamic body could assume responsibility for the sites following a final Israeli-Palestinian settlement.

"We hope as a result of the discussion between us, it will evolve into an Islamic council that is truly representative of Islam," Hassan declared.

He said Jordan would not relinquish its guardianship of the holy sites. The prince noted that Jordan currently has the "moral authority" to act as a guardian of the sites. However, once Israel and the Palestinians reach an accord on the final disposition of territory, this could change somewhat, he said.

Earlier yesterday, there had been reports

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Hassan had said Jordan would turn over control of the holy places to the Palestinians, once the final status talks between them and Israel begin in 1996. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser on Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini welcomed the first version of Hassan's remarks.

Jordan continued to pay the wages of the Moslem custodians of the sites even after Israel took eastern Jerusalem in the Six Day War. Israel affirmed Jordan's special status as custodian of the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem, both in July's Washington Declaration and in last week's peace treaty, provoking anger among Palestinians.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said that in talks with the prince, "He did not refer specifically to the transfer of the religious authority of the Wakf to the Palestinians. If he said he would transfer the authority of the Wakf to the Palestinians, then that is new."

In confirming Jordan's role, Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin has said he seeks to disentangle the Moslem attachment to the religious sites from the issue of sovereignty over the city.

Reaction of Palestinians to Crown Prince Hassan's reported offer to hand the Palestinians control of the holy sites was muted.

Arafat, who was also in Casablanca, made no reported comments on the statements. Jamal Tarif, Palestinian head of the civil affairs liaison committee, and a close ally of Arafat, said Hassan's statements "were not new."

When we were in Jordan as a delegation there, [before the Israel-Jordan treaty was initiated] they said this was possible when the final stage is discussed."

But he welcomed the public statements, saying "We do not want to continue in conflict with Jordan."

Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of preventive security in Jericho and a leading voice in last week's protests against Jordan's claims to the holy places said, "It was a step in the right direction."

Jose Rosenfeld contributed to this report.

IDF officers to be disciplined over 'Dabsha disgrace'

DAVID RUDGE and DAN IZENBERG

There was no attempt to pursue the fleeing gunmen.

The inquiry found that the officers and soldiers manning the position did not behave as required of IDF soldiers under fire.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai said at the conclusion of the inquiry that conduct under fire was the supreme test of IDF officers and soldiers. He said that in this light some of the officers and soldiers of the outpost had harmed the fighting spirit built up over the years by thousands of officers and soldiers at great cost.

He stressed, however, that the tank crews at the outpost had acted properly and deserve praise for their quick action in charging and firing at the terrorists, causing them to retreat.

Furthermore, Mordechai noted that the Givati Brigade and its units in the zone have carried out high-level operational duties, with visible results in the field, hitting terrorists and helping ensure the security of border residents.

He issued instructions for the findings to be distributed throughout the Northern Command, so the appropriate conclusions could be drawn.

Flanked by senior officers, including chief of operations Brig.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, an angry Rabin asserted that many media reports were based on ignorance. He took issue with three details of the assault emphasized in various media reports:

- Hizbullah's videotaping of the attack was not a first. Hizbullah has been filming every attack on IDF and South Lebanon Army positions for the past eight years;
- This was not the first time Hizbullah had planted a flag in the area of an outpost;
- Hizbullah has never captured an IDF outpost, nor did it do so during Saturday's assault.

An intelligence officer ex-

plained that the closest the Hizbullah got to the outpost was when one of its fighters managed to climb onto one of four earth batteries built on the outpost perimeter. Soldiers immediately shot at him, and he vanished after managing to plant a flag on the battery. Rabin added that three soldiers standing on the battery had fled to the outpost after the Hizbullah began shelling the area.

According to Rabin, the number of Hizbullah attacks on IDF and SLA outposts in October increased by over 40 percent over the previous month, from 32 to 45.

In a meeting of the State Control Committee, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak said the number of soldiers killed in the North had dropped from 30 in 1993 to 15 so far this year.

Earlier, the mother of the dead soldier said she did not believe any of the soldiers had abandoned their posts or their comrades because "they are all like brothers."

Fernand Klein said the soldiers, who had not been given time to come to terms with the death of comrades earlier, had come under intense fire during the assault.

She said they had told her that they had called for reinforcements, but were informed it was too dangerous to send in helicopters. She said that if any of the "boys" were sent to prison, she would go with them.

Givati soldiers involved in the battle told reporters that most of them had acted properly. They claimed that there were other soldiers who were supposed to have raised the alarm, but it was sounded late.

They said that several had run to their positions dressed only in their underwear and had fired back despite accurate sniper fire.

Furthermore, the claims that they should have charged the terrorists should be considered in the context of their main aim, preventing the attackers from entering the position, one of the soldiers said.

Histadrut heads, workers agree on severance pay deal

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

ONE day after the stormy demonstration of Histadrut workers at the labor federation's headquarters, the Histadrut leadership and the clerks' union reached an agreement yesterday on the severance and retirement terms of over 1,300 workers.

The list of fired workers will be drawn up in conjunction with the workers' representatives, Histadrut sources said.

The workers, slated to be fired include 600 employees of the Histadrut's tax collection department, who will become redundant once the National Health Insurance Law goes into effect next January, 500 labor council workers, and 265 workers at Histadrut headquarters.

Official Histadrut sources made it clear that this is only the "first round" of dismissals, and that Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon plans many more.

The agreement provides for severance fees of up to 250% for the most veteran workers, based on their seniority; up to 10

months' wages for an "adjustment period" to those working 30 years and more, and a one-time dismissal compensation payment.

This last payment consists of two months' wages for the tax workers, since their department is closing down, and a lower sum for the rest of the workers.

The workers' demand for early pension for those who are close to retirement age and are unlikely to find other work will be discussed by an "exceptions committee" set up by the Histadrut.

The Histadrut treasury estimated that the severance agreements would cost some NIS 200 million.

Ramon said the agreement reached is "one of the fairest ever reached in the country. Some of those retiring will be receiving hundreds of thousands of shekels in compensation."

These totals, however, include the workers' accumulated pensions, which cannot be withdrawn until the worker reaches 65.

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Rabin: Hamas orders terror from Jordan

DAN IZENBERG

HAMAS leaders in Jordan have issued orders for terrorist strikes inside Israel. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

His revelation contradicted recent statements by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who asserted that Hamas activities in Jordan are confined to fundraising.

Rabin also said that Hamas leaders in the territories have decided to avoid conflict with the PLO. They know that as long as they do not provoke PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, he will allow them to keep their arms and will not hunt fugitives.

Rabin described the interrogation of 150 Hamas activists detained since the Tel Aviv bus bombing as "very harsh. We are acting within the guidelines of the Landau Commission." Rabin said some of the detainees would be placed under administrative detention.

A source who attended the

meeting quoted Rabin as saying that "orders for [terrorist] strikes have been issued from Jordan."

Rabin said that Jordan is doing nothing to curtail the Hamas activities.

Hamas, he said, regards recent attacks, including the bus bombing, the kidnapping of Sgt. Nahshon Wachsmann, and the shoot-out in Jerusalem as major successes.

The attacks have highlighted Hamas's influence on the peace process because they led to the closure of the territories, said Rabin. They have also disrupted relations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and riveted the attention of the Palestinian population.

However, Hamas is afraid that if the PLO behaves too passively, Israel will intervene directly against it in the autonomous region, said Rabin. Hamas fugitives are so concerned about possible intervention they do not hide out inside the autonomous area, he said.

High Court orders affirmative action for women executives

EVELYN GORDON

IN a precedent-setting decision on the validity of affirmative action, the High Court of Justice yesterday canceled the appointments of three directors of government companies. It said the ministers in charge should have filled these slots with women.

The petition, by the Israel Women's Network, challenged the appointments of Amir Hayek to the board of the Ports and Railways Authority, and Doron Kashuv and Ya'acov Wenger to the board of Israel Oil Refineries.

There are no women on either of these boards. The decision was based on a 1993 law stating that both sexes must receive "appropriate representation" on the boards of government companies, and that until this is achieved, ministers must appoint directors of the under-represented sex "as far as is possible under the circumstances."

Though the network did not dispute the outstanding qualifications of the three appointees, it argued that the law obligates the responsible ministers to try to find qualified women - which they did not.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, for instance, appointed Hayek, one of his advisers, without even considering 25 senior ministry staffers who were women.

Harish argued in response that his job is to find the best candidate. Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said

he eliminated one woman candidate for fear of a conflict of interest, and did not consider others because a list had not yet been prepared.

Judges Eliahu Mazza and Yitzhak Zamir, with Ya'acov Kedmi dissenting, sided with the network, and stressed the importance of the law - Israel's first mandating affirmative action.

"Because discrimination against women in modern society is primarily a phenomenon whose roots are in invisible perceptions, the moral strength of a society that seeks equality can be tested by the extent of the efforts it is ready to make to change the status quo and create a new reality of equality," the justices wrote. "In this context, affirmative action has great, and even decisive, importance."

The law, they stressed, does not create quotas. However, in the absence of any extenuating circumstances, equal numbers seems a reasonable interpretation of "appropriate representation."

If women are under-represented on a board, they said, then even if a male candidate is more qualified than a woman, the woman should be appointed if she is qualified enough, unless there is a special reason why the man's extra talents are needed.

In his dissenting opinion, Kedmi agreed that a minister's main job must be to find the best possible candidate.

Israel opens interest section in Morocco

JOSE ROSENFELD
RABAT

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres opened Israel's interest section here yesterday, in a ceremony attended by leading members of the local Jewish community, as the Casablanca conference came to a close.

He spoke about the warm relations Morocco has had with its Jewish community, and noted that Israel and Morocco are formalizing a relationship which, until now, has been informal.

Jerusalem Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shalom Mashash affixed a mezuza to the doorpost. Several members of the Jewish community said that it was a unique experience to see Israel's flag flying openly.

Participants in the conference wanted its final declaration to be a concrete statement reflecting its

achievements and emphasizing the central role the public sector played. Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir told a news briefing after its conclusion.

Some of the Arab delegates wanted UN Security Council Resolution 425, which calls for immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, to be included in the statement, but the US and Israel insisted on keeping it out, especially since Lebanon boycotted the conference. However, Resolutions 242 and 338, which refer to the territories captured in the Six Day War, are cited.

The declaration made it clear that Syria and Lebanon have an important role in the economic development of the Middle East. The conference expressed the hope that the Syrians will join the economic effort in the near future.

Savir said this is one of the main messages Ramon Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev will bring to Syrian President Hafez Assad. Kozyrev left for Syria yesterday. The declaration also makes a

positive mention of Israel's, Tunisia's, and Morocco's decision to open liaison offices.

Savir said that although the Palestinians wanted a more political declaration, the statement primarily refers to the urgency of dealing with their economic needs.

Savir took special note of the fact that the declaration makes significant references to the elimination of the Arab boycott. The issue figures several times in the declaration, which includes a supportive mention of the Gulf States ending their secondary and tertiary boycotts.

The declaration also states that investment in the Middle East requires the free movement of goods, services, and labor, a hint at the eventual elimination of the primary boycott.

A business committee created by the conference will deal with economic cooperation and region-

al development. It will sit in New York, and consist of businessmen from the private sector.

In an address at the closing of the conference, Peres noted with pleasure that the conference dealt with people, not with photo opportunities. He called for a similar conference to address the problems of the region's young people, to upgrade education and improve their future.

He also restated Israel's intention to fully implement the agreement with the Palestinians. Regarding the future of the process, Peres said, "Our peace with Jordan was a brilliant success, and it doesn't close the door to peace with Syria and Lebanon."

Earlier in the day, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel held a meeting with representatives of multi-national firms. Officials of Japanese, US, and European companies - including Du Pont, Philips Morris, General Electric, Siemens, ABB, American Express, and Citibank attended the meeting.

"If you add up all the compa-

nies, they are worth more than \$1 trillion," Frenkel told reporters after the session.

The companies proposed to create a special fund to upgrade education in the region which, the officials said, would promote stability in the area.

It was also reported that Citibank is considering opening a branch in Israel.

But the Casablanca Declaration comes far short of establishing a regional development bank, instead it sets up a steering committee of experts, headed by US Treasury Undersecretary Larry Summers, which will only examine the creation of a Middle East/North African Development Bank.

According to a source close to the US delegation, Summers emphasized that the institution will be sized based on the population served. Since the region that the bank will cover has not been defined yet, it is possible that it will only end up serving Jordan, Egypt, and the Palestinians.

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Beirut clarifies Hrawi's proposal for joint committee with Israel

SYRIAN Foreign Minister Farouk Shara held talks with Lebanese leaders yesterday, as government officials clarified President Elias Hrawi's proposal to establish a joint political and military committee with Israel to set a timetable for an IDF withdrawal from the security zone in a six-month period.

Officially, Shara was said to be visiting Lebanon to brief the heads of state over US President Bill Clinton's meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus last week.

It seemed clear, however, that the talks would concentrate on coordinating the position of the two countries in the peace talks currently being staged mainly through US mediation and at the ambassadorial level in Washington.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah and its allies maintained the tempo of operations against the security zone yesterday with attacks against three South Lebanese Army positions on the northern border of the western sector.

The positions guarding and commanding the Hamra crossing point on the coastal road came under heavy mortar, machine gun and light weapons fire. Reports from Lebanon said several Katyusha rockets were also fired at the positions. There were no

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and news agencies

casualties and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Later, the Believers Resistance claimed responsibility for detonating a roadside bomb alongside an SLA patrol in the Shomriya region in the central sector of the zone. An SLA soldier was lightly wounded in that incident.

Lebanon had taken a markedly back seat throughout the recent wave of diplomatic activity on the peace front until Hrawi's remarks on Saturday in which he appeared to be linking the establishment of the proposed joint committee with a Lebanese commitment to cease "resistance" activities.

In the past, the Lebanese government has insisted on a complete Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon as a precondition to deploying its troops to the border and then guaranteeing to stop the resistance.

Lebanese government officials were widely quoted in the Beirut press yesterday as saying that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had deliberately twisted Hrawi's comments.

They maintained that Hrawi's reference to a six-month timetable was

in order to conclude the withdrawal and did not relate to the "six months peace and quiet" test period that Rabin has demanded as a precondition for any peace accord.

The officials were quoted as saying that Hrawi's comments had not been reported accurately and he had never meant to imply that the Lebanese government would cease resistance activities before a complete Israeli withdrawal.

Rabin has made it clear that if Lebanon is still insisting on a prior commitment to IDF withdrawal from south Lebanon, Israel is not interested.

The clarification of Hrawi's old/new proposal did not satisfy all parties in Lebanon, however, especially Hizbullah which said it was considering convening a meeting of its supreme council to discuss ways of opposing the president.

Parliament speaker Nabih Berri, who also heads the pro-Syrian Amal movement, also demanded to know what was happening.

Berri, Foreign Minister Faris Bourweh and Prime Minister Rafik Hariri also took part in the two-hour meeting between Shara and Hrawi at the president's palace in Ba'abda near Beirut.



A Palestinian waits at the Rafiah border crossing yesterday, as Palestinian officials, assisted by an Israeli (in white shirt) calculate the duty he must pay on food and cigarettes. (AP)

Palestinians to join inspections at bridge

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIANS won some more autonomy yesterday, as their police raised the flag outside a wing of the Allenby Bridge terminal, where they will now inspect Palestinians crossing from Jordan.

The ceremony follows one in Rafiah on the Egypt-Gaza border.

Deputy coordinator of activities in the territories Brig-Gen. Arye Ramot-Shifman handed over the documents signed in Casablanca this week after three months of negotiations, which one Israeli official described as

"tough" and Palestinians said were still incomplete.

The new arrangements give the Palestinian Authority first responsibility for inspecting Gaza-Jericho residents and shared responsibility for inspecting other Palestinian residents of the territories.

Israeli customs officials will inspect foreign visitors and Israelis in another wing of the terminal.

Brig-Gen. Ziad Atrash, Palestin-

ian head of the Joint Liaison Committee, said that "after three months, we will review the arrangements."

Unresolved issues include the procedure concerning trucks and the collection of customs duties.

Atrash described security in the terminal as "a joint responsibility." Shifman emphasized that "security, including that of the terminal, remains the responsibility of Israel, and I see great willingness by the Pales-

tinians to cooperate in this matter." The talks required three months to complete largely because the close daily cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians in the terminal required that the regulations cover as many contingencies as possible.

"This agreement calls for an Israeli director-general responsible for the terminal's smooth functioning and security, with two deputies, a Palestinian managing the Palestinian wing," Shifman said.

Trial of alleged accomplice in Afula bombing begins

THE trial of Mohammed Saleh Kamil, charged with assisting in the planning and execution of last April's Afula bus bombing, opened yesterday in Jenin Military Court.

Eight Israelis were killed and 44 wounded when a bomb, concealed in a stolen Israeli vehicle, was detonated by a suicide bomber near a bus in the center of Afula.

Kamil, 18, of Kabatiya near Jenin, is charged with assisting Da'ud Zakharina, a fellow Hamas member, who was killed in the suicide attack. He is

accused of aiding in its planning, preparation, and execution.

Prosecutor Lt. Wilam Hamed, said that Kamil was an active Hamas member who recruited others and was actively involved in planning attacks.

The court, headed by Maj. Yoram Haniel, decided to hold pre-trial deliberations on the admissibility and validity of Kamil's testimony. He was arrested last June 12 by the General Security Service and admitted his involvement in the attack. Similar

admissions appeared in depositions submitted to a judge when his remand was extended.

Kamil told the court that his confession was coerced from him by threats.

"I only knew him from school. I never realized that he was capable of killing people," Kamil said.

The trial will resume today, and the prosecution is expected to call Ahmed Nazal, in whose home Kamil and Zakharina allegedly planned the attack. Nazal too is in custody. (Iim)

Bill clamps down on employers of illegal workers

DAN IZENBERG

IN an attempt to clamp down on illegal workers, the Knesset yesterday passed in first reading a bill sharply increasing the penalties for employing them, including an unprecedented provision for a six-month jail term.

The bill triggered a sharp debate, with members of the Arab parties hotly protesting because the legislation helps restrict Palestinian job opportunities.

The bill was drafted by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir and presented a day after Police Minister Moshe Shaleh said existing legislation was not being adequately implemented.

According to the proposed amendments, the fine for employing illegal foreign labor will be increased from the sum of NIS 18,000 to NIS 28,000 and the additional fine for every extra

day of work from NIS 2,000 to NIS 2,800.

Namir explained that the jail punishment will be applied to owners of commercial enterprises, not housewives.

The fine for employers who provide shelter for Palestinians who do not have permission to sleep over will be doubled from NIS 14,000 to NIS 28,000, and they will also be liable to a six-month jail term. The fine for each additional night will also be doubled to NIS 2,000.

Namir said that in 1994, ministry supervisors fined 951 employers involved in the illegal employment of 3,381 workers. The supervisors visited 3,000 work places and checked the papers of 8,000 workers. Two thousand Palestinians and 220 foreign workers without permits were expelled last year.

Wakf holds the keys to eight Temple Mount gates

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE yesterday confirmed what Faisal Husseini, the PLO leader in Jerusalem, announced last week to the anger of many right-wingers: The keys to all but one of the Temple Mount gates are in Moslem hands.

"Of the nine gates to the Temple Mount, the Wakf holds the keys to eight," Deputy Cmdr. Roland Dayan told the Knesset Interior Committee during a tour of the site.

The police only hold the key to the Mugrabi Gate, next to the Western Wall, Dayan said.

However, he added, the Wakf opens and closes the gates it controls only with police approval. "Everything is coordinated," said Dayan, who heads the new police Holy Sites Unit.

His explanation satisfied the MKs, who did not make an issue of the

Wakf's holding the keys, although one of the reasons for the visit was to protest Husseini's statement.

The visit passed quietly, except for a sharp verbal exchange between Saleh Salim (Hadash) and the other MKs, all from right-wing parties.

Salim infuriated the other MKs when he insisted that Al-Aksa Mosque covered the entire area of the Temple Mount, and that he hoped east Jerusalem would be the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Matza, meanwhile, criticized Police Minister Moshe Shaleh for allegedly being behind the order prohibiting TV crews and photographers from covering the visit.

Police said the move was part of an effort to prevent a confrontation with Wakf officials or Moslem worshippers.

Tibi being urged to head united Arab list in elections

DAVID RUDGE

DR. Ahmed Tibi is apparently considering forming a united Arab list to run in the next Knesset elections.

Tibi, an adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, is reportedly under increasing pressure to establish and head such a list.

A recent survey conducted by Al-Midan, a subsidiary of the Tel Aviv-based Modi'in Ezrahli Institute, headed by Dr. Rachel Issaiah, revealed that if Tibi headed his own list, 26.5 percent of those polled would vote for him personally.

The poll, conducted last month among over 450 Israeli Arab voters, representing a cross section of the community, found that 27.6 percent were undecided on the same question.

Just over 15% said they were not

sufficiently acquainted with Tibi, while 30.7% said they would not vote for him.

Tibi's supporters said yesterday that the results of the poll are very encouraging, especially since Tibi has not made any public preparations toward establishing a new party.

They noted that 26.5% of Arab votes would be the equivalent of three Knesset seats.

Leaders of the fundamentalist Israeli Arab Islamic Movement recently told *The Jerusalem Post* that they view Tibi as a serious candidate to head a united Arab list.

Asked about the results of the survey and the reports he would establish a new party, Tibi said that he had not yet made a final decision about running.

"Nevertheless, I will do my utmost to unite political forces in the Arab community as much as possible, so as to increase Arab representation in the Knesset and activate the role of Arab MKs to increase the influence of the Arab sector on the decision-making process," he said.

Katzrin enjoys population boom

DAVID RUDGE

KATZRIN is enjoying a population boom, despite uncertainty over the future of the Golan Heights.

Daniella Shaul, spokesperson for the Katzrin local authority, said nearly 350 people had moved there in the past three months.

She stressed that more people are expected to move in following the Housing Ministry's decision to sell the remaining 120 homes on a new housing complex.

Shaul said the new homes, the last of 700 that have been constructed by government-run companies, would go on sale this week. "This increase in the population is the biggest in such a short space of time since Katzrin was established," she said.

The influx of newcomers has helped push the population of the town—described by residents of the region as the capital of the Golan—to around 5,000 people.

"This influx is proof that people are voting with their feet against the so-called uncertainties and for building their lives in Katzrin and helping to develop the Golan," she said. She noted that Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu visited Katzrin on Sunday to officially open a branch office of the party in the town.

Meanwhile, several kilometers to the north more than 40 Druze dignitaries from villages on the Golan Heights crossed the border into Lebanon on Sunday.

It was the third group of sheikhs to visit Syria to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Druze prophet Naveh Habib, near Damascus, in as many weeks. Shortly after the delegation crossed the border at Kuneitra, another group that went a fortnight ago returned.

The agreements over the visits by Golan Heights Druze for religious purposes were worked out several months ago between the Israeli and Syrian authorities through the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross and UN forces in the region.

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Canadian-based Islamic group issues call to sabotage accord with PLO

TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES

A STATEMENT calling on Moslems everywhere to "sabotage the Arafat/Israel accord, which will be torn up in the blood of those who signed it," has been circulating in France on the letterhead of an Islamic group based in Montreal.

The two-page press release also demanded: "Everywhere reprisal actions against Israel and its allies must take place. Israeli personalities and officials must be eliminated and companies representing Israeli interests in the world must be destroyed. These reprisal acts must spare no one."

A European representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center obtained the statement, which was printed on the letterhead of the Fondation Internationale Musulmane du Canada, Inc. (International Muslim Foundation of

Canada), and signed by its director-general, Dr. Youssef Mouammar.

Reached by a reporter for the *Montreal Gazette*, Mouammar said that while he agreed with much of the statement, he denied having written or circulated it.

He pointed to subtle alterations in the statement's letterhead as proof that someone else had produced the release, according to the *Gazette*. However, Mouammar acknowledged that some of the wording resembled a statement his group publicized a year ago and which was later published in an Islamic magazine.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Wiesenthal Center said that he had sent letters to Canadian authorities requesting an investigation into the matter.

8,000 more Palestinians may enter

IN the second stage of the easing of the closure, 8,000 construction workers from the territories will be allowed into the country today, the IDF announced yesterday.

The criteria for entry will be: those applying must be over 30, married, and must prove that they have previously worked in construction sites and have a job.

The woman met him through a matchmaker. After their second date,

The new permits, 4,000 of which will be given to Gazans and 4,000 to residents of Judea and Samaria, are the only valid ones, and therefore all permits issued before the closure were imposed two weeks ago are invalid.

Army sources said that within 10 days, an additional 5,000 will be allowed in, after which a general lifting of the closure will be discussed.

Rishon Lezion man remanded as rape suspect

A RISHON Lezion man, Yochai Knafo, 35, was remanded for 10 days by the Rehovot Magistrate's Court yesterday for allegedly raping a woman.

The woman met him through a matchmaker. After their second date,

he took her to an apartment where he said a rabbi could cure her blind mother, but then allegedly raped her. He reportedly threatened to kill her, her daughter, and her mother if she told anyone, but her brother convinced her to file a complaint.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Officer hurt by Kfar Sava bomb

A 22-year IDF lieutenant was in critical condition last night in Petah Tikva's Beilinson Hospital, after a homemade bomb planted in a car in a Kfar Sava parking lot exploded, causing him severe head wounds. Police said it was unclear whether the officer was involved in planting the bomb or was just passing by, but that the incident was apparently criminally motivated.

Ophir takes over as OC Judea and Samaria

Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir yesterday assumed his new command as OC Judea and Samaria. Ophir replaced Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, who was appointed last week as the new OC Southern Command.

Wheelchair-bound man rescued from fire

A disabled man confined to a wheelchair was rescued from a burning building in Rosh Pina yesterday. Neighbors who noticed the fire called the police. Two officers arrived and after donning protective gear, entered the man's house and pulled him out in the chair. He was treated on the spot and taken to the Safed hospital for further treatment. Firefighters said the fire was caused by a short circuit in a heater. Rosh Pina authorities will help renovate the man's home. (Iim)

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, jack of diamonds, and nine of clubs. In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 2, 25, 33, 41, 44, and 49 and the additional number was 29.

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and Honorary Fellow of the University.
We extend condolences to
Harry Mark Cohen and Denise Cattani



Anita and Stanley Hirsch of Los Angeles (right), Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, and two young violinists celebrate the dedication yesterday of the Hirsch Early Childhood Development Center, in the Ajami section of Jaffa. Treating development problems and learning disabilities of some 1,800 Jewish and Arab children, the center is part of Project Renewal's Ajami-Lev Yaffo project, a multimillion-dollar partnership of the Tel Aviv Municipality, the Housing Ministry, and the Los Angeles Jewish Federation. (Hana Grizinsky/Israel Sun)

Government may give boost to capital's Arabs

BILL HUTMAN

THE government is considering pumping millions of shekels into Arab neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem to strengthen Israel's hold there.

The Ministerial Committee for Jerusalem Affairs last week discussed the urgent need for improving conditions for Arab residents, in light of recent inroads made by Palestinian groups — including Hamas — in the city, committee sources said.

A 13-page report reviewing those conditions and the activities by Palestinian groups was presented to the committee by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"The lack of proper social services in Jerusalem's Arab sector has created a vacuum being filled by Palestinian groups, largely Hamas and Fatah," according to the report. "Those groups today operate a wide-range of leisure activities, training courses, and community activities."

"Hamas operates its own education system, centered on the Temple Mount, and which functions as a cen-

ter for both youths and adults." The Palestinian Authority is also working to establish an education system and set up a university in eastern Jerusalem, as well as take control of Moslem religious institutions, the report said.

The bulk of the report, "Background Material for Discussion by the Ministerial Committee for Jerusalem Affairs," for the first time details specific needs in the Arab sector.

Until now, the problems were well-known, but no in-depth study was carried out to determine what steps were needed to alleviate them, municipal sources said.

The committee agreed to consider the needs of Jerusalem's many Arab residents and will meet soon to decide what steps it should take to begin to meet them, committee sources said.

"A great number of [Arab families] suffer from serious economic problems," the report stated. "The

level of physical infrastructure and social services in the non-Jewish neighborhoods is ... far below that of Jewish neighborhoods."

The Arab sector lacks some 120 km. of roads, requiring NIS 200 million for their construction, according to the report. NIS 52.3 million is needed to complete and improve east Jerusalem's water system; another NIS 79 million is needed for sewage and drainage systems.

Other major problems listed are "severe poverty, housing shortage, the lack of basic services for children, youths, and the elderly."

Many of the problems stem from a failure to pass zoning plans for most Arab neighborhoods, making it difficult to begin work on infrastructure. According to the report, only 13 of the city's about 30 Arab neighborhoods have zoning plans.

"The municipality alone cannot handle the great financial burden" needed to correct the situation, and "the cooperation of government ministries is required," the report stated.

Committee promises solution for homeless in Jerusalem

EVELYN GORDON

A COMMITTEE will find solutions for the homeless in Jerusalem's tent city within two weeks, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Knesset Economics Committee chairman Gideon Patt (Likud) promised yesterday.

The two decided to set up the committee after a stormy meeting of the Economics Committee. The committee will consist of Deputy Housing Minister Eli Ben-Menahem, MK Michael Eitan (Likud), and Deputy Jerusalem Mayor Yigal Anadi.

The committee will only deal with the problems of those eligible, or almost eligible, for Housing Ministry assistance, however. It will not help those trying to "hitch a ride" on the genuine homeless to get cheap housing, Patt said, charging that some of the demonstrators already have apartments and cars.

The tent city residents have been asking to be allowed to temporarily move into mobile homes. But Ben-Eliezer and Ben-Menahem adamantly rejected this, saying it would

perpetuate the sites as a type of 1950s-style transit camp. Fifty-two percent of mobile home residents have already been moved into permanent homes, they said, and the remainder are mostly veteran Israelis rather than immigrants.

At first, the two insisted that all those genuinely eligible for assistance had already been helped.

"Show me one eligible person who hasn't been taken care of," Ben-Eliezer said. "When there are eligible people, we will turn the world upside down and they will receive [help]. But we are talking about people who don't deserve anything."

His ministry, he added, has already spent NIS 10 billion on the problem, through providing free land, free development, \$80,000 mortgages, and apartments at one-third of the price.

The ministry is also offering the homeless NIS 1,000 a month rent money for three months to tide them over until they find a home, Ben-

Menahem said.

"Let them take NIS 100 out of their pockets and rent a house," he said. "Let them help themselves a little."

However, Patt and Eitan did not accept this. Some of the demonstrators have homes with no bathrooms or no heat, Eitan said; others come from violent homes where they cannot stay safely. The state must help these people, he said.

NIS 1,000 for three months is not enough, Patt added, because the problem will probably not be solved by then. He advocated offering this aid until the people in question buy apartments, though he admitted that pressure would have to be put on the homeless to give up the subsidy and buy.

He also admitted that there was a problem of unreasonable expectations among the demonstrators.

"This shouldn't be an interparty fight," Eitan concluded. "We can be a joint lobby and reach a national consensus."

THE head of the IDF's Manpower Branch Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair admitted yesterday that the army had erred by not releasing information about the failed rescue attempt of Nahshon Wachsmann immediately after the operation ended.

"It is clear to us that we made a few mistakes [regarding the media] in the Wachsmann case. The principal mistake was that we should have stated immediately after the Wachsmann family had been informed that there had been an operation, that Wachsmann was dead, three terrorists killed and there were injured soldiers," Yair told the Knesset's Law and Justice Committee.

He said the IDF is checking its procedures and trying to shorten the period before such information can be broadcast. "There is one line that we cannot cross. We cannot hurt the bereaved families or the families of

those serving in dangerous places," he said.

For nearly three hours, Israeli broadcasting bodies were not allowed to report the failed rescue because the family of the fallen officer had not been informed of his death. Cable television channels and foreign radio stations, however, broadcast real time reports.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the Press Council, Committee of Editors of Daily Newspapers, heads of different Israeli broadcasting bodies, and IDF and police officers, heard that the ban on publishing the incident was based on a gentlemen's agreement from 1969, not censorship regulations.

"Under no circumstances is it permissible to report on something that isn't true," said Press Council

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president Haim Zadok. "However, you don't always have to tell the whole truth."

"In the Wachsmann case every mistake possible was made," said Israel Broadcasting Authority Director Mordechai Kirschenbaum. "It put the [Israeli] media in the most ridiculous light." Kirschenbaum said the incident had damaged not only the credibility of the broadcasting authorities but also the channels that the IDF used to convey information.

Ha'aretz editor Hanoch Marmari noted the difference between the electronic media and printed press. "Newspapers have just one deadline a day, whereas the radio and television have news broadcasts and bulletins. If the newspapers are prevented from printing information about an action because the families have to be

informed, it does not take into account that by the time the newspapers reach the readers' mailboxes, they will have heard on the radio, anyway."

Marmari noted that the larger the number of victims in any one incident, the more important the incident became, while conversely it took longer to inform all the families.

There is no need for legislation on the subject, particularly as it opened the sensitive issue of political intervention in the media, but there is need for a clearer understanding, taking into account the new reality of Israeli communications capabilities with cable stations and local radio, Zucker said.

"We must avoid reaching a situation in which Israeli channels lose their credibility and parents switch to CNN even before something happens," he said.

Wachsman rescue information should not have been stalled, OC Manpower says

IDF restricts smoking among soldiers

JUDY SIEGEL

STOP smoking — and that's an order! The IDF's Supreme Command has issued instructions restricting smoking among soldiers, in accordance with the law that went into effect on October 19 that affects all "workplaces."

Among the few places unaffected by the restrictions are soldiers' barracks.

Published in a General Staff circular to all units, the orders tell commanders of all IDF facilities to ensure that no-smoking signs are posted in

required areas. They are also told how to establish special smoking rooms where needed.

Only smokers may work in areas designated as smoking rooms, said the orders. These must be closed and well-ventilated, and the smoke must not reach other populated areas.

Smoking is now barred in all rooms or halls where lectures and discussions are held, cafeterias, medical clinics, libraries and reading

rooms and places where movies are screened, except in designated smoking rooms. It is forbidden to light up in large work areas where three or more people are on the job if at least one of them "prefers not to be together with smokers." Smoking is also barred in IDF buses, elevators and educational facilities.

In a survey recently conducted by the army magazine *Bamahane*, two thirds of those queried, including smokers, favored restricting smoking in the IDF.

MK Dov Shilansky (Likud) yesterday attacked the television docu-drama *Kastner*, scheduled to be broadcast by Channel 1 next week.

Shilansky is upset because, in the play, Israel Kastner says in court that Hanna Szenes broke down under interrogation and informed on her colleagues.

Kastner was a Hungarian Zionist leader who tried to negotiate with Adolf Eichmann on the basis of trading trucks for Jewish lives. He was standing for the Knesset on the Mapai list in the early 1950s when he was accused of collaboration in a pamphlet published by Malkiel Greenwald. At the ensuing trial, Green-

wald's defense attorney Shmuel Tamir broke Kastner down. Tamir's family has also objected to the drama.

The Hungarian-born Szenes, a Haganah fighter parachuted into occupied Europe, was caught crossing into Hungary, tortured, and tried for treason by a Hungarian court. She was executed in November 1944, but her story became a legend on which generations of Israeli children have been raised.

Shilansky bases his objections on conversations he had with Szenes' Hungarian judge, Gyula (Julius) Simon, at the judge's home in

Argentina in 1985.

Simon told Shilansky in a taped interview that Szenes had not cried or given in at her trial and that had she broken down and acted differently he might not have issued the execution warrant. Shilansky also noted that Szenes never revealed the cipher for the radio transmitter she carried and that it was probably the same person who informed on her who also fingered her colleagues.

In response, playwright Motti Lerner said that he allowed himself poetic license based on the suppositions of sources close to Kastner, even

though in real life Kastner had not made the allegations at his trial.

IBA Chairman Michal Yonon said that following the screening an open studio would be held at which those with different opinions would have a chance to express them, including relatives of the various people involved.

Shilansky said the play is "part of a fashionable attempt at killing all sacred cows and murdering myths. It's just Szenes' turn now."

He said that play was particularly unfair "because Szenes died so that people like the writer could live, and now she's not here to defend herself."

Course opens for non-Jewish ritual circumcisers

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAEL'S first-ever course for non-Jewish ritual circumcisers began yesterday at Bnai Zion Hospital in Haifa.

Thirty-six Moslem and other non-Jewish doctors and male registered nurses from around the country are taking part in the year-long course,

which meets once a week.

Doctors at the government hospital are delivering lectures on physiology, anatomy, the social and religious aspects of circumcision, possible

complications, congenital defects and when circumcision should not be performed.

After completing the course, participants will be required to undergo

an internship in hospitals. They will then receive a certificate from the continuing studies faculty of Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine. Bnai Zion urologist Dr. Elias As'hak is coordinating the course.

PR man Richard Cohen dies at 71

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

RICHARD Cohen, the ubiquitous public relations adviser whose name became synonymous with major American Jewish organizations, died Sunday at 71.

The clients of his firm, Richard Cohen Associates, included the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, American

Zionist Movement, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Appeal of Conscience Foundation, and Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel.

Cohen was born in Brooklyn. During World War II, he served as a navigator in the Air Force in the Pacific. After the war, he worked in the US and Paris for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He then joined the American Jewish Congress, resigning in 1979 when he formed his own media relations firm.

British olim to celebrate Balfour Day

BATSHEVA TSUR

BRITISH immigrants will celebrate "Yom Ha'Oleh" today, Balfour Day, with a variety of activities aimed at bringing together newcomers and veterans.

In towns and villages, veteran British immigrants will open up their homes to newcomers, who will be free to drop in for a cup of tea. In Haifa, where there is a large concen-

tration of British olim, there will be a lecture on current affairs at 7:30 p.m., followed by a get-together at the club at 55 Rehov Moriah.

The main event will take place at the Beit Millman Absorption Center in Ramat Aviv at 8:30, with the participation of Absorption Minister

Yair Tzaban, Jewish Agency Aliya Department head Uri Gordon, and a senior British Embassy official. The organizers say they hope to draw a lot of the singles who live in the Tel Aviv region.

"Yom Ha'Oleh" is celebrated annually on November 2, which is the anniversary of the 1917 Balfour Declaration.

US radiology experts here to give workshops

JUDY SIEGEL

FIVE experts from the US Food and Drug Administration are here to lead workshops for training government supervisors of the production of medical devices.

The experts, from the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, are leading the two workshops at no cost to the Health Ministry.

The first five-day workshop, attended in Tel Aviv by 150 government inspectors, will conclude tomorrow. The second, in which 35 are registered, will open Wednesday at Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hahamisha outside Jerusalem.

According to new regulations ini-

ated by the ministry's unit for medical devices and instrumentation, government inspectors must be present during the manufacturing process in biomedical industries to ensure quality. According to unit director Dr. Avi Livnat, supervision will be done in para-clinical and clinical laboratories, as well as the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industries.

Government to help olim pay for school 'extras'

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE government has decided to contribute towards the education levy (*agrat hinuch*) and all other "extras" for children of olim who have been in the country for up to three years.

The decision, retroactive to the beginning of the present academic year, was made by Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban and Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman when it transpired that numerous immigrant children were unable to buy even the most essential school supplies.

The Treasury agreed to transfer the

funds directly to the local authorities on the basis of the number of immigrant children studying in every location.

However, the government's participation will be phased. In junior high school, for example, children of olim will get everything free in their first year but the government will participate in 80% of the costs during the second year of their stay in the country and 50% in the third year.

Some 2,000 immigrant children had not had sufficient funds to pay the education levy this year, Goldman told a news conference last week.

The new arrangement covers "extras" such as school trips and cultural activities as well.

Meanwhile, 5,000 immigrant teachers have been absorbed in the educational system this year, 1,000 more than in the previous year. An extra 2,500 teaching hours per week were approved by the Education Ministry for this purpose.

Road safety, environment meeting to be held in TA

LIAT COLLINS

SOME 30 million new vehicles were purchased out the world this year; 130,000 of them here. The question of whether it is possible to prevent air pollution in spite of these figures is one of the items on the agenda for the Third International Conference on Road Safety and the Environment in the 21st Century slated November 7-November 9 in Tel Aviv.

The conference will consider such problems as noise and air pollution, road safety, infrastructure, and ways of decreasing vehicular energy consumption.

The conference will be under the auspices of Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar.

The international meet will focus on road safety issues, including sophisticated communications equipment to protect the traveling vehicle, strategies for urban planning, and engineering possibilities.

Some 80 lecturers from 30 countries are expected to participate. The conference is being organized by the Israel National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, the Education Ministry's Safety Department, The Transport Ministry's Highway Safety Administration, and the Technion.



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סוכנות היציאה

Indian police hold Afghan militants after freeing Western hostages

NELSON GRAVES
NEW DELHI

INDIAN police said they arrested two Afghans yesterday after safely freeing four western hostages whose captors had threatened to behead them one by one unless some Kashmiri separatists were released from jail.

The Afghans were among five suspected militants arrested in connection with the kidnapping of three Britons and an American who were held for up to a month in chains, Home Secretary K. Padmanabhaiah told a news conference.

All four were freed unharmed in separate raids in which two policemen and a suspected captor were killed.

The Britons told the news conference they were all lured into captivity in Delhi by an engaging Indian who spoke impeccable English and offered to show them an Indian village.

"Our friend turned into our captor," said Paul Ridout, one of three Britons, in a statement he read to the news conference.

The statement was drafted with the two other Britons, Christopher Myles Croston and Rhys Partridge. Partridge was kidnapped on September 29, and Ridout and Croston on October 16.

"We were held at gunpoint from then on. We were chained but otherwise were well treated and we were told that we would be out within a month if things went well," Ridout said.

"They were kept in sub-human, almost animal conditions," Padmanabhaiah said. Ridout said the hostages first thought



The four freed hostages describe in a news conference how Indian police rescued them from Kashmiri militants early yesterday morning. (l to r): Paul Ridout, Miles Croston, Bela Nuss, and Rhys Partridge. (AP)

they would be killed but with time the fear receded.

The American captive, teacher Bela Nuss, was taken captive in Delhi on October 20 by a man named Rohit Sharma who promised to get the American's visa extended, said Padmanabhaiah.

the most senior civil servant in the interior ministry.

Sharma - a Hindu name - offered to set up a dinner for Nuss with an Indian family. Instead he was covered with a hood and whisked away at gunpoint in a Maruti van by Rohit and three

others to Mussourie village, about 40 kilometers from Delhi.

Padmanabhaiah said the Indian government received a letter last Friday from a previously unknown organization called Al-Hadid claiming it was based in Afghanistan.

The letter demanded the release of six militants, including three Pakistani nationals, in jail

accused of supporting a separatist revolt in Jammu and Kashmir, predominantly Hindu India's only Moslem-majority state. (Reuters)

Escaped convicts lead German police on wild chase

HEISTERBERG, Germany (AP) - Police yesterday captured one of two escaped convicts in woods near a vacation colony after he led them on a wild 30-hour chase across Germany, switching getaway cars and hostages often.

But the other man, a former East German army commando dubbed "the Machete Murderer," continued to elude police.

German media had breathlessly followed the two men, who kidnapped police officers, robbed a bank and raced through six German states.

Gerhard Polak, a 35-year-old Swiss extortionist, was captured about 2 p.m. by officers who had ringed this lakeside hamlet after the outlaws abandoned their car and freed a last set of hostages early yesterday.

Polak was found lying on the ground in the woods and did not resist arrest, said police spokesman Kurt Maier. He had a rucksack, a dummy hand grenade, some money and a weapon that Maier did not describe.

Maier said police saw a second

person in the woods, which surrounded by heavily armed police with machine guns, riot helmets and bullet-proof vests. Reporters heard gunfire at the time of the arrest.

Still at large was Raymond Albert, a 32-year-old former member of an elite unit of the East German army, who had been serving a life term for strangling a tavern owner and cutting the man's head off with a machete.

Several times on Monday, the outlaws spoke with television and tabloid reporters over a car phone. They said they had machine pistols and a grenade and would blow themselves and their hostages up unless police kept back.

"You can take us out, it's all the same to me, because I've got nothing to lose. Same for my friend," one of the fugitives told RTL2 television.

They released the last three hostages, a couple and a man originally seized with his children, aged three and one, about 4:30 a.m.

Five children killed in Algerian cemetery bombing

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - A bomb exploded yesterday at a cemetery amid a group of children honoring combatants of the war of independence, killing five of the children and injuring 17, security forces said.

The blast at the Mostaganem cemetery, 280 kilometers west of Algiers, was one of two known bombs that exploded at cemeteries in Algeria, a gathering point for yesterday's commemorations marking the start of the independence war against France that ended in 1962.

A war veteran was slightly injured when a bomb exploded at the Karimia cemetery in Chlef.

150 kilometers southwest of the capital, security forces said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blasts, the first apparently aimed at children in violence between Islamic extremists and the military-backed government that has wracked this North African nation for more than 2 1/2 years.

More than 10,000 people have been killed since the army canceled January 1992 legislative elections to thwart a fundamentalist victory.

The explosions came a day after President Liamine Zeroual announced that presidential elections would be held in a year.

Ex-wife of movie director John Huston named as 'friend' of Prince Charles in '70s

LONDON (AP) - A newspaper yesterday identified an Indian woman who had an intense emotional relationship with Prince Charles in the 1970s as Zoe Sallis, an ex-wife of the late movie director John Huston.

The *Daily Mail* said it traced Sallis, 54, a former actress, to her north London apartment. She refused to talk about the relationship - which Charles' biographer says sent "a frisson of alarm" through the royal household.

The authorized biography, *The Prince of Wales*, went on sale yesterday, but got off to a slow start, apparently because the most controversial sections were serialized last month in *The Sunday Times*. Charles gave biographer Jonathan Dimbleby long interviews and access to thousands of private papers.

The book says Charles, 45, was pushed into a loveless marriage with Princess Diana, had a mistress he loved, still suffers insecurities and is determined to become king.

Charles, who is in Los Angeles on a five-day visit, is said in the biography to have been under the spiritual influence of "an Indian woman" in the late 70s - before his 1981 marriage to Diana.

Dimbleby said the Indian woman got Charles interested in eastern philosophy and vegetarianism in 1978 and 1979, and their relationship became so intense "on an emotional and spiritual level" that it threatened to jeopardize the prince's sense of perspective.

The newspaper quoted Sallis as telling its reporter, "It [the relationship] means a lot to me and I don't want to talk about it. If it was something frivolous, that would be OK, but it's not."

The *Daily Mail* said that early in the friendship Sallis took Charles to visit a swami in west London, and he invited her to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, and Balmoral.

In the biography, Dimbleby said the relationship ended when Charles' private secretary Edward Azeade decided it had to stop.

The newspaper said Sallis was born Zoreen Ismail, daughter of an Indian nobleman. She was one of six wives of Huston and has a 31-year-old son Daniel by him.

Bosnia says it cut Serb supply route

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - The government army squeezed Bosnian Serb troops on two battlefronts yesterday, claiming the capture of a strategic Serb town while pressing its most successful offensive of the war.

Bosnian Serb and Moslem-led government forces were massed around the town of Bosanka Krupa, said Maj. Mohammad Bashir, a UN officer in the northwestern government-held city of Bihac.

"The fate of Bosanska Krupa is still unclear," Bashir said. "Some Bosnian Serb troops are still inside the town, probably trying to stand up to the Bosnian army."

Fighting resumed yesterday morning in the far northwest, where a two-pronged offensive by the Bosnian army had already captured at least 250 square kilometers of formerly Serb-held land, the biggest gain of the war.

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Canada to admit fewer immigrants in '95

OTTAWA (AP) - The government announced yesterday that it would reduce the number of immigrants allowed into Canada in 1995, and insist that in the future more of the newcomers must pay their own way.

The government said it wants between 190,000 and 215,000 immigrants and refugees to enter Canada in 1995 - a cut of 15,000 to 25,000 from the number expected this year. It also wants to impose much tougher conditions on newcomers in the years ahead.

The Liberal government, in pulling back from party policies of

advocating expanding immigration, said yesterday that immigrants are expected to benefit the economy - not strain it.

Immigration must be "more affordable and sustainable," and immigrants must contribute more heavily to the cost of integration, Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi said in releasing annual targets and a five-year plan.

Refugees, on the other hand, will be more generously welcomed. They will comprise 24,000 to 32,000 of the total target, an increase from the projected 18,000 this year.

68 killed as commuter plane crashes in Indiana rainstorm

ROSELAWN, Ind. (AP) - First there was a rumble, then the high-pitched whine of engines at full throttle as the doomed commuter plane plummeted to the ground in a rainstorm, "like a black streak coming down."

American Eagle Flight 4184 from Indianapolis to Chicago crashed Monday afternoon about 100 kilometers short of its destination, killing all 64 passengers and four crew members.

Among the victims were 11 people from foreign countries - four from Great Britain, three from Colombia, and one each from Canada, South Korea, Lesotho and Germany, according to a partial passenger list

released yesterday by the airline.

Wreckage of the seven-month-old French-Italian-made Super ATR twin-engine, high-wing propjet was scattered across a muddy 40-acre soybean field in northwest Indiana, 50 kilometers south of Gary. Searchers just shook their heads.

"What we did see, we didn't like," said firefighter John Knapp.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jim Hall said searchers found the plane's cockpit voice recorder within hours of the crash. The flight data recorder, which shows altitude and other information, was found yesterday morning and both were being rushed to Washington for analysis, he

said.

Witnesses said there was driving rain when the plane went down.

"It sounded like [the pilot] had it full throttle, like a stunt pilot, like he was going to try to bring it up," said Bob Hilton, who was working under the hood of his truck.

"It came down, almost straight down, not at an angle - just straight down," said Larry Midkiff, who saw the crash as he was driving along a highway. "It didn't look like it had a left wing on it. It just looked like a black streak coming down."

It was the third major plane crash this year, with a death toll of at least 25, in the United States. There were no major crashes

last year; it had been seven years since there were three major crashes in one year.

A USAir jet crashed Sept. 8 on approach to Pittsburgh, killing all 132 aboard. On July 2, a USAir jetliner crashed July 2 in North Carolina in a thunderstorm, killing 37 people.

Before that, the last major crash had been March 22, 1992, when a USAir jetliner crashed while taking off in a snowstorm at La Guardia Airport in New York, killing 27 people.

American Eagle canceled plans to celebrate its 10th anniversary yesterday. It had planned to unveil a specially decorated airplane at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Survey: US schools more violent

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - American schools are becoming more violent, not only in major cities but in smaller towns and suburbs, according to a 700-city survey to be published today by the National League of Cities.

Only 11 percent of the communities surveyed said violence was not a problem. One out of four reported incidents involving serious injuries or deaths in the past year and 40 percent said gangs were a significant problem.

Trial starts for Brooklyn Bridge killer of Lubavitch youth

NEW YORK (AP) - The lawyer for the Lebanese-born man accused of murdering a Jewish student and wounding three others argued yesterday that his client was temporarily insane when he opened fire on their van on the Brooklyn Bridge in March.

Attorney Eric Sears said that in order to understand his client's actions it was necessary to understand his life before he came to the United States.

Rashid Baz, a Lebanese national and a livery cab driver, is charged with the murder of Aar-

on Halberstam, 16, who along with about 14 other Lubavitcher yeshiva students was returning to Brooklyn from Manhattan. Three others were wounded.

Until he was 18 years old, Baz lived in Beirut, where there was a civil war going on, where "the violence, besides being constant and random, was often brutal," Sears said in his opening statement at the start of Baz's trial in a Manhattan court.

"The house he left in the morning could be rubble that night," Sears said.

Baz's lawyers have refused to discuss the case, but they filed papers in August saying they will argue that the 28-year-old Baz was mentally defective on March 1 when he strafed a van carrying the Jewish youths with automatic gunfire.

Sears said he will call psychiatrists who will explain why the defense contends that Baz was out of control and not responsible for his actions when he shot at the van.

Meanwhile, Assistant District Attorney Armand Durastanti

said yesterday morning that Baz's claim that the van's occupants fired at him first was not true, and that he will call witnesses to prove that.

The first prosecution witness scheduled to testify yesterday was a police officer who found shell casings at the scene. A civilian witness who saw the event unfold also was scheduled to be called.

The defense is expected to say Baz was driven over the edge by the killing a few days earlier of 29 people by Baruch Goldstein in Machpelah Cave in Hebron.

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Japanese aid may be funding Islamic terrorism

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TOKYO

WHAT is the connection between Japanese taxpayers and the victims of terrorist bombs in Tel Aviv, London and Buenos Aires?

Iran is. Who says so? The US, Arab countries, Israel, Britain and just about everyone else in private. Regarding Iran, only German officials never comment.

The Japanese government meanwhile nervously waits to stumble on a "smoking bomb" as it wades uneasily through the troubled waters lapping around its imported oil, its Middle East investment opportunities and its Overseas Development Aid (ODA) to Iran.

The Japanese funds are the only official money Iran is getting from G7 donors — even though private enterprise ensures that great volumes of caviar, carpets and oil land on Western and Japanese shores. Japan is Iran's second largest trading partner, after Germany. First in line at the founding of the huge modern Japan-Iran connection was Mitsui, a corporation that tried to establish a petrochemical presence in Iran. It aimed to be a corporate "fiefdom" granted by decrees of both governments in the 1970s.

This bid to secure a solidly guaranteed fuel supply turned to misadventure after the Khomeini revolution when work on Japan's giant petrochemical

project had to be abandoned. The complex at Bandar Khomeini was as colossal as the losses. The question that now concerns Japanese corporations is what influence the country's ODA to Iran might have on the possibility of recouping these massive debts.

UNLIKE Caesar's wife, the Japanese government is well within reproach. There is a potential political storm brewing over how far the government is using public money to buy later repayment of Iran's debts. The heavy clouds are obvious over many ministries as politicians and bureaucrats scramble to get in line with G7 directives on ODA recipients.

A lot of that ODA money earmarked for Iran is on hold and the political wisdom of continuing it is being debated. One Japanese economist, who has been involved in relations with Iran for two decades, said the reasons for Japan funding Tehran with soft loans — asking for little or no collateral — is rather more complex than he had believed.

"The Japanese still somehow feel that Iran is a major supplier of our vital oil. However, the Iranian proportion of oil supply dropped from 37 percent in 1972 to below 10 percent a decade later and is even lower today.

"Japan also feels that by supporting the pragmatic politicians in Tehran eco-

nomically, fundamentalist terrorism would be curtailed. I've also heard it said that being generous to Iran would ensure that no Iranian-backed terrorism would be directed against Japan, and would ensure future business opportunities as well as protecting future repayment of Iranian debts to Japanese corporations. One could say the reason [for soft-aid programs] is a blend of all these factors."

Nevertheless, the bottom line is that public money from Japan is helping to support an Iranian regime reputed by most and certified by many as terrorist.

GERMANY, WHICH set up an Iranian connection at the turn of the century, is Japan's mentor in many ways. And one German diplomatic source conceded: "There has been no official German criticism of Iran's alleged support for terrorism." Although German taxpayers' money is not on the list of exports to Iran — as it is in Japan — much public money has been diverted to ventures for rural and economic projects.

The US opposes official international credits and aid to Iran as long as it "continues to support terrorism." One US diplomatic source at the embassy here summed it up: "The circumstantial evidence is be-

yond question. Iran is acting as a major paymaster for terrorist groups such as Hamas. Our intelligence services have closely monitored the Iranian financing of worldwide terrorism and fundamentalist aspirations and still they [Japanese government officials] refuse to believe us."

This refusal to observe the US policy of "double containment" for Iraq and Iran does not bode well for Japan and Germany getting full parity if and when they are accepted on the UN Security Council.

Another US body has no doubts about the financial source for the recent worldwide bombings. The Center for Security Policy believes "Iran is the leading state sponsor of international terrorism."

One American expert pointed out that "all the oil-rich Islamic states are diametrically opposed to any form of fundamentalism.... The main supporters of fundamentalism are poor, with the exception of Iran. Even Libya has concluded enough is enough."

OTHER Arab states have repeatedly pointed out that money flowing from Japan to Tehran allows the Iranians to deploy more funds to military projects — including nuclear research — as well as fomenting fundamentalist unrest within these states.

dissidents abroad, but it also funds and trains extremists bent on overthrowing secular pro-Western governments such as those in Egypt and Tunisia.

The Americans say Iran not only totally opposes the Middle East peace process, but it funds and arms those who share that view. Tehran policymakers continue to view terrorism as a valid tool to accomplish political objectives. Acts of terrorism are approved at the highest level of the government, say experts. It is now the preeminent sponsor of Islamic and Palestinian extremist groups, supplying funds, weapons and training.

The activities of Hizbullah and the Hamas atrocity on Dizengoff Street highlight the paradox that Japan is sincerely involved in the Middle East peace process, while at the same time it is indirectly funding groups committed to disrupting it by every means.

Another irony is that Yasser Arafat is now a more worthy recipient for Japanese money, yet he has been complaining about Iran financing terrorist subversion by Hamas in Gaza.

Other Arab states have repeatedly pointed out that money flowing from Japan to Tehran allows the Iranians to deploy more funds to military projects — including nuclear research — as well as fomenting fundamentalist unrest within these states.

"I can point my finger at Iran without hesitation," said an Egyptian government official. "After many of our citizens went to fight in the Afghan war, they were paid and trained by agents of Iran to go home and destabilize democracy in Egypt."

This year, when Prime Minister Rabin gave vent to frustration and denounced Iran for funding terrorism, he also criticized Japan for — in turn — funding Iran. In New York recently, as Japan made its play for the Security Council, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed dissatisfaction to his counterpart Yohei Kono over continued Japanese development aid for Iran.

Peres pointed out that every dollar received in Tehran frees one dollar for funding terrorist operations.

The Japanese minister stood by the excuse that "constructive engagement" could help a more moderate government in Iran to emerge. So far, Japan is alone in believing that "moderation" is on Iran's future agenda. And as long as the current rulers remain, a Middle East living in peaceful economic harmony contains few benefits for Iran.

This is the first of a two-part article on the subject, specially written for The Jerusalem Post by this Japan-based correspondent. The second part will be published next week.

Iran to US: Isolation won't work

IRAN has cautioned President Bill Clinton against pushing for tighter sanctions against it, saying three previous US administrations had tried but failed to tame the anti-American regime through such pressure.

Responding to Western efforts to isolate Iran for its staunch opposition to Arab-Israeli peace, the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Clinton should understand that times have changed.

"Clinton continues to repeat the errors of his predecessors, not knowing perhaps that his own situation for perpetuating Washington's past policies in that respect are less easy than they were for his predecessors," IRNA said in a dispatch over the weekend.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Iran "is now in better shape" than before. Washington's efforts to isolate it economically and diplomatically are doomed to failure, it added.

Despite Iran's outward show of confidence, there is unease about US intentions against it.

Iran has long opposed the presence of US forces in the region. It blasted the US for beefing up its forces in the Gulf after Iraq massed up to 80,000 troops, including two divisions of the elite Republican Guard, near the Kuwaiti border earlier this month.

Iran has now hinted for the first time that it saw those forces as a threat against its own security.

"Who are they threatening and who do they want to scare? They entered the region on the pretext of Iraq, but despite Iraq's capitulation they still remain in the Persian Gulf," said spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"With an iron fist" Iran would smash any aggressor, he said during a visit to a shrine in southern Iran.

Iran, which officially vows to annihilate Israel and "liberate all of Palestine," blasted Jordan for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher last week again singled out Iran as "the world's most significant sponsor of terrorism." He called on US allies to curtail their economic dealings with Tehran.

"The threats by Washington against Iran, and its call on its allied nations to reduce political and economic relations with Iran to a minimum, are not new," according to IRNA.

(Associated Press)



Masked members of the Ninjas, the Algerian anti-terrorist squad, cordon off an Algiers district earlier this year. Despite efforts by President Liamine Zeroual to negotiate with the banned terror group FIS, a confrontation between them seems likely. (AP)

Algerian Islamists, army head for all-out war

JOHN BAGGALEY
NICOSIA

IN the narrow alleys of the old casbah of Algiers, word of a new call for a Moslem-guerrilla offensive spreads rapidly from mouth to mouth.

In the Algiers regional military headquarters in nearby Blida, soldiers of the army that defeated the French receive their orders: "Fight to the end, whatever the sacrifice."

And up on the hill of the capital, once called "Algiers the White" for its elegant, white-washed buildings overlooking the Mediterranean, the man who struggled to drag Algeria from three years of slaughter appears to have given up.

"It looks grim for the future," one Western diplomat said at the weekend after hearing that President Liamine Zeroual had admitted his effort to find common ground with the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) had failed.

"If it has failed, it's possible Zeroual might go," he said.

The president was caught in the middle. Many diplomats believe he was too hampered by the hardline military men to make any realistic offers for peace with the Islamists whom officials blame for a conflict in which 10,000 to 20,000 people have been slain since January 1992.

This week, the presidency in a statement after months of talks with political parties,

many effectively acting as surrogates for the FIS, and the transfer of the two top FIS leaders from jail to house arrest, said:

"In spite of all the efforts that [Zeroual] has made, the positions between the different parties and between the parties and the state, including the position of the banned party [the FIS], remain far apart."

More significantly for many, the president accused the two top men in the FIS, Abassi Madani and his fiery deputy Ali Belhadj, of encouraging "terrorism and extremism."

He made the assessment after three meetings between his officials and the two men since September 15 — two days after they were moved from Blida jail and three colleagues were freed.

"Abassi refused without hesitation [to condemn violence], adding that such a statement would be useless and would complicate the situation."

The presidential statement said their intentions were clearly revealed in two letters "addressed by Ali Belhadj to terrorists from his current residence. These two letters... prove the maneuvering attitude of the leaders of the

banned party which continues to encourage terrorism and extremism."

Algeria, with 26 million people a mere hour's flight away from southern Europe, had come under growing pressure from the US and France, among other Western countries, to negotiate with the FIS.

France, in particular, along with Spain, Germany and Italy fear an influx of fleeing Algerians if the bloody conflict, that has sent thousands of foreigners fleeing, worsens.

Apparently as a quid pro quo for sympathetic treatment over foreign debt, which crippled Algeria despite oil and gas wealth, the army-backed authorities did negotiate.

But most diplomats believe it was too little, too late to salvage the wreckage caused by the January 1992 cancellation of a general election the then-legal FIS looked certain to win.

"We've always been skeptical of dialogue succeeding, because Zeroual could not go beyond what the people behind him — the army hardliners — would allow," said one European diplomat.

"It was the same for Madani. He did make some conciliatory noises recently but then in a less conciliatory statement later, which he signed with four other Islamist leaders, he seems to have been pulled back into line."

(Reuters)

The power-hungry ruler who takes care of his people

MARIAM SAMI
TRIPOLI

THE driver gestured toward the white high-rise apartment blocks and supermarkets of downtown Tripoli.

"Look at the streets, the houses, the shops," said Abdel-Karim el-Ghadban. "We never had them before."

El-Ghadban's life has improved since Muammar Gaddafi came to power 25 years ago. El-Ghadban arrived in Tripoli from a desert town as a young man. Now 60, he owns his Mercedes cab and has seen his three sons and two daughters graduate from college.

Free education and health care, inexpensive housing and government jobs are among the means Gaddafi uses to keep Libya's 4.7 million people happy — and keep his grip on power.

But Gaddafi does more than pour oil money into his brand of Arab socialism. He keeps a tight rein on the military, tolerates no dissent and makes sure no one gets enough power to challenge him.

This other side of Gaddafi is apparent in the refusal of many Libyans to give their names when discussing him.

Some are embarrassed by his more outlandish tactics and angry at Libya's international isolation. The UN Security Council imposed diplomatic, air travel and economic sanctions in an attempt to force the surrender of two Libyans charged in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

"It could be a dream nation with money from oil, a location on the Mediterranean near Europe, a small population," said Mohammed Jibril, an opposition leader who lives in exile in Egypt. "Look what he's done to us, the lunatic."

Gaddafi was 27 when he deposed King Idris in a bloodless coup — now enshrined as "the revolution" — on September 1, 1969.

Now 52, with his hair dyed jet black, Gaddafi also has shifted roles: from young nationalist to faithful Moslem to father figure. In the latter role, he is seen on state television being hugged by young women — a surprise in a conservative society where some women still wear the *farashah* cloak that reveals only one eye.

Gaddafi pictures himself as the only Arab leader standing up to

the West. He claims Libya has no government as such and its policies are set by "people's committees."

"My role ended when the power of the people was announced in 1977," Gaddafi corrected a reporter who recently addressed him as "Mr. President."

But every Libyan knows Gaddafi is the absolute ruler. His name is constantly on the air waves, songs praise him as "the Arabs' hawk," and excerpts of his speeches are played over and over.

A European diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Gaddafi knows Libya better than anyone. He travels the country constantly and chooses aides from different tribes to keep control of Libya's traditional tribal politics.

By appointing military officers and government officials down to the junior level, he controls who gets power. High-ranking officers are retired young, usually with enough money to open boutiques or restaurants.

Still, he has had to deal with several coup attempts, the latest in October 1993 when he sent airforce planes to crush a mutiny by army conscripts at bases in eastern Libya.

Such upheaval is rare. Gaddafi uses the country's oil and gas income — about one-third of Libya's \$27 billion economy — to make sure the military and the public are taken care of.

But Libya's oil income has been hurt by depressed world prices. The country is also starting to feel the effects of UN sanctions imposed in April 1992 and tightened last year. The sanctions banned air traffic with Libya, barred the sale of some oil equipment to the country and froze some Libyan money abroad.

Workers complain they cannot afford imported goods as the Libyan dinar slips — officially it is worth \$3, but it brings just 30 cents on the black market. Businessmen say the air travel ban forces them into long desert road journeys.

But the embargo may not be hurting Gaddafi that much. By constantly picturing Libya as threatened and bullied by the West, he takes the public's mind off other problems. (AP)

Westerners take on Islamic bank niche

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ISLAMIC banks, long dismissed in the West as dubious, are facing new competition for a market that has so far attracted perhaps more than \$40 billion in deposits from devout Muslims.

Giant Citibank and regional heavyweights like Arab Banking Corporation and Gulf International Bank are among banks that have set up special Islamic departments threatening a niche business so far dominated by the Islamic banks.

Islamic banking specialist Volker Nienhaus of Germany's Bochum University said Western-style banks had the advantage of established names, economies of scale, wider experience of financial instruments and accepted auditing standards.

"In the future, there will be more competition and the Islamic banks are not prepared for it," he said at a recent Islamic banking conference.

Charging interest — at the heart of the Western banking system — is considered by many Muslims as usury, which is banned under Islamic Sharia (law).

Reliable figures are scarce for funds managed under Islamic rules. They were put by one academic at \$80 billion, but that was believed to include some banks in Asia which operate largely conventional businesses under an Islamic flag, bankers said.

The Association of Islamic Banks put the amount at a conservative \$30-40 billion. Western bankers in close touch with the market said it could be substantially higher.

"It is big enough to attract the big guns," one said. Islamic banks like the Saudi-owned Dallah Albaraka and Faysal Islamic Bank, are relative newcomers and have attracted up to 10% of funds available to the Gulf banking system.

Conservative individuals and institutions in a country like Saudi Arabia who refuse to accept interest on their deposits and make the banking system in the kingdom

among the world's most profitable are increasingly attracted to Islamic banking.

"People woke up to the fact that their money was not working for them. Others were attracted to Islamic banks because of better returns and the uncertainties of events like Black Monday [the 1987 stock-market crash]," said London-based Mahmood Faruqi, a director of Faysal bank.

Khurshid Ahmad, head of Pakistan's Institute of Policy Studies, believed existing Islamic deposits were only the tip of the iceberg, saying that in Saudi Arabia alone up to 60% of households remained outside the banking system.

But bankers such as Glen Stewart of Algosabi Investment Services said they believed newcomers would be competing largely for the same funds now managed by the Islamic banks.

ABDULATIF Janahi of Bahrain

Islamic Bank and other bankers acknowledged that Islamic banks, based on a system where risks as well as profits are shared by both the bank and its customer, had a long way to go.

They had to create instruments required by increasingly sophisticated clients, branch away from trade finance that had been the backbone of their business and agree to transparent auditing rules to gain greater respectability.

Bankers said lack of acceptance, that led for example to the closure of Dallah Albaraka's London branch earlier this year, resulted from Western ignorance of the way Islamic banks worked.

Conference chairman Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman of the International Islamic University of Malaysia reminded delegates that Islam's Prophet Mohammed dealt with "a very primitive economic system" when he spoke of an Islamic economy almost 1,500 years ago. "We sometimes quote him as if he is talking today."

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Police misconduct

IN June of this year, independent recommendations on addressing the problem of police misconduct - known as the Kremmitzer Report - were endorsed by Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz. "There is no place in the Israel Police for violent police officers," Shahal said at the time. He even asked Kremmitzer to issue a follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations.

But if an incident during President Bill Clinton's visit last week is any indication, the police have learned nothing and changed nothing. If anything, they have compounded their brutal conduct with crude and transparent attempts to cover it up.

The security measures taken during the visit were unprecedented. A large part of the city was closed to traffic, and no permits were issued for demonstrations. But the fundamental right of protesters to gather in small numbers - under 50 - without a permit, was not withdrawn.

An organization known as Women for Israel's Tomorrow had announced to the press that it would hold a small vigil on a sidewalk a few hundred meters from Jerusalem International Convention Center, where Clinton was scheduled to hold a press conference. The group, known also as Women in Green, wanted to protest plans to relinquish the Golan and to station American troops there. They were going to carry a coffin draped with an American flag.

Because of the difficulties in getting around, only a dozen women arrived. But they never held their vigil. Scores of policemen, none of whom wore identity tags as required by law, met them on the sidewalk. They forcefully confiscated the coffin and the home-made placards. They punched a 70-year old husband of one of the women in the stomach while pinning his arms back, and grabbed a folded placard he was holding. They also pushed and beat the women.

The leader of the group, Nadia Matar, was pushed to the ground, kicked and beaten. She was then dragged to her feet and pulled to a police van while the arresting officer shouted, "You hit me and kicked me and impeded the fulfilling of my duty, and you kicked other policemen; you are going straight to the police van."

Matar was booked at the police station and told she would be detained for 48 hours. She complained of severe pain. A prison doctor said she might have broken ribs, but she was forced to spend the night in jail. It took the intervention of several Knesset members with the head of the Jerusalem police district, Cmdr. Aryeh Amit and

his deputy, Micky Levy, to get her released the next morning on NIS 10,000 bail. Among these Knesset members were former Knesset speaker Dov Shilansky, Naomi Blumenthal, Uzi Landau and Ron Nahman, all of the Likud.

It was a disgraceful incident, but it could have been attributed to the nervousness and lack of discipline of policemen under pressure. What makes it far more disturbing is the way the police brass and Shahal himself tried to excuse it. When Shilansky called Amit, he was told that Matar, who weighs 56 kg, had kicked and injured two policemen, one of whom was hospitalized with serious injuries. "Who knows what will happen to him," said Amit. When Nahman called Amit's deputy, Levy, he was told a similar story. "She is notoriously wild. We have experience with her. She caused one policeman to have internal bleeding in his kidney."

Shahal later admitted that the story of the injured policeman was "an error." It happened at another scene, he said. (There was no report of an injured policeman that day). Clearly, the very idea that Matar could have caused such injuries to a policeman is too preposterous to be taken seriously. But Shahal also asserted that Amit was at the scene, something Amit himself never claimed when he spoke to Shilansky and Blumenthal. Nor is it possible that he had been at the scene, he would have told the story of a badly injured policeman. Shahal also excused the dispersion of the demonstration by stating that a large crowd gathered to watch it. Eyewitnesses deny this.

What makes the story particularly odious is that Matar is not just another mistreated demonstrator. In March she was beaten and arrested for leading a protest outside the Supreme Court building. She immediately filed a civil suit against the police. Five months after the incident, the police suddenly got together seven almost identical affidavits from policemen accusing her of assaulting them in the March incident. A videotape of the incident, known to be in the possession of Channel 2, has mysteriously disappeared. Requests that the television station search for it have been ignored.

The whole story sounds uncomfortably like a Kafkasque nightmare, something out of a Latin American dictatorship. It is difficult to accept it as happening in Israel. But if the police continue to conduct themselves in this manner whenever there are demonstrations against government policies, it will be impossible to avoid the conclusion that their behavior is politically motivated. There will be no sadder day for Israeli democracy if such a conclusion becomes inescapable.

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Things that are sacred

ARIEL SHARON

I didn't vote for the peace agreement with Jordan, even though I really wanted to. And I didn't go to the Arava ceremony, even though I longed to.

It wasn't planned; I didn't calculate it in advance. It was the result of growing emotional turmoil. As time rushed by and the voting deadline approached, I began to feel that I couldn't raise my hand to approve this agreement.

I am in favor of peace agreements with all the Arab countries, particularly Jordan. Jordan is the existing Palestinian state, and there mustn't be another. With it, and with it only, would I discuss the Palestinian issue. I have no complaints against King Hussein. He conducted the negotiations seriously, with royal protocol, like a master of his own realm. But sitting opposite him were small-town functionaries, whose fearful hearts desired one thing only: to get it all over with as quickly as they could.

The agreement lacks several clauses; others shouldn't be there. For instance: There isn't a word about our historic link with the East Bank of the Jordan, the mountains of Gilead, the Bashan region, the legacies of the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasse. Following the Balfour Declaration, we received the area from the League of Nations as part of the "Jewish National Home." It was taken from us by the British shortly after, in 1922.

Political facts have been created

since then. But how could there have been no mention of all this?

● No border was demarcated between Israel and Jordan in the sector between the Dead Sea and the Beit She'an Valley. Israel has a genuine, essential interest in delineating this border, allowing it to be on the Jordan River.

● The agreement doesn't deal with the issue of Palestinian refugees and the need to resettle them in their present countries of residence. Pressure on Israel to absorb them will grow.

Trying to turn foe into friend is fine. But remember the cost

● The agreement requires us to share the little water we have, and, despite our severe shortage, to transfer some of it to Jordan. "Authorized experts" tell us that "it won't be much" - just somewhere between 50m. and 100m. cubic meters (enough to sustain 50 farm settlements in Israel).

● There is no clause on outlawing terrorist groups, not even Hamas, whose headquarters are in Jordan. Our government didn't even ask for such a clause.

THESE ARE all grave errors, but we might have overlooked them. However, one thing is totally unacceptable: granting the Kingdom of Jordan a formal role vis-à-vis the Temple Mount, Judaism's holiest site, in a political agreement.

No nation in the world would have done such a thing. No sane government would have dared contemplate such a step. Only those who hold nothing sacred can behave this way.

And if nothing is sacred, we shall not go on existing here. Without making any comparisons, could we have got recognition and a special status from Jordan on the Gilead heights or on Mount Nebo?

Our generation has no right - and what, after all, is the span of a single generation? - to deprive future generations of the Jewish people's holiest site. Conceding rule over the Temple Mount is the beginning of conceding control over Jerusalem.

But this government didn't hesitate. It plunged ahead without a tremor.

When the national anthems were played last Wednesday, it was hard to take in what was going on. A foe was being turned into a friend.

That's important. But we mustn't forget this was no secret ongoing romance. There was a series of cruel wars stretching over many years.

My prayer is that before they give up anything else, they think of the cost.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

Who's a mufti?

JOSEPH LEARNER

ISRAEL'S peace treaty with Jordan says: "... in accordance with the Washington Declaration [of July 25], Israel respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Moslem holy shrines in Jerusalem." (Article 9, Section 2.)

Following the death last month of the aged Sheikh el-Alami, the previous mufti of Jerusalem, King Hussein appointed Sheikh Abdul-Qader Abdeen as his successor. Shortly afterwards, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat appointed Sheikh Ikrimah Sabri.

So who is mufti? Sabri and his crew have been installed "in the mufti's spacious offices set up a flight of steps beside the alley leading to the great wooden gates guarding one entrance to the [Temple] mount. Abdeen... has been forced into a small office next door to al-Aksa Mosque, where no one visits him." (The Jerusalem Post, October 28.)

Arafat's man is in charge. The situation is aggravated by Arafat's Sabri having, until recently, served as speaker of al-Aksa Mosque, by Jordanian appointment. Sabri has deserted Hussein, in favor of Chairman Arafat.

Is it Hussein's man - or Arafat's?

This could well signal a dangerous undermining of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, as shown by Hussein's subsequent denunciation of mosque prayer leaders who attack the peace treaty with Israel.

LAST FRIDAY, two days after the signing of the treaty with Jordan, Sabri departed from the characteristically mild presentations at al-Aksa services to blast the treaty, particularly Jordan's special role with respect to the Moslem holy places in Jerusalem.

Sabri proclaimed that Palestinians who "sacrificed their blood for Jerusalem and for al-Aksa and resisted Israeli occupation plans on behalf of all Moslems are the rightful people to govern... on behalf of Moslems all over the world." Sabri warned Israel: "Do not be joyous over the agreement you signed... it is [only] ink on paper." (Reported by UPI, October 28.)

PRIME MINISTER Rabin has stressed Hussein's courage. Now it's time for Rabin himself to show courage.

He should not wait for a demeaning protest from Hussein regarding Arafat's mufti. Rabin should advise Arafat that if he doesn't strip Sabri of the title and order him to leave the Temple Mount at once, all negotiations will be suspended.

If Israel permits Arafat to have his way, Hussein's domestic situation will be undercut. Critically, Israel's dependability in meeting its international obligations will be undermined, as will the credibility of the US, which has been so thoroughly identified with the Israel-Jordan peace treaty.

Israel must act at once to reverse Arafat's profoundly disturbing success on the Temple Mount, which is also a portent of the struggle Israel will have over Jerusalem. It should also serve as an early warning to Christians, whose holy places Arafat declares are under his protection.

It must be made known that Israel takes the initiative in honoring its treaties.

The writer is director of IMRA, Independent Media Review and Analysis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PHILOSOPHICAL COUNSELING

Sir, - In her letter to the editor of October 22 Shlomit Schuster curiously remarks that Sheri Allen's article of October 12 on philosophical counseling (PC) contains a "serious misconception of PC." What is curious here is her implied distinction between "real" and "misconceived" PC.

It is a pity that Ms. Schuster did not attend the First International Conference on Philosophical Counseling at the University of British Columbia in Canada last summer, to witness the diverse range of approaches to this growing field (and its differences from psychotherapy), presented by dozens of speakers from six countries including four Israelis. Such a rich diversity (which I encouraged when I organized the conference) serves as a reminder that there is more than one way of doing philosophy and PC.

Philosophical counseling attempts to help people reflect on their personal world in philosophical manner. By gaining philosophical insight and wisdom (*philo-sophia* = love of wisdom), they enrich their lives and are empowered to deal better with their predicaments. Obviously (and happily), there are many ways in which people can apply philosophical understanding to their lives.

DR. RAN LAHAV

Jerusalem.

CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Sir, - I am responding to the advertisement on the front page of October 28, placed by Women in Green, which makes an unsubstantiated statement that Messrs. Rabin and Peres "represent a minority of the Israeli populace."

The "Women in Green" may not agree with the efforts of our government to put an end to the cycle of violence and reprisal which has gripped our nation, but I suspect that if they were to poll the average Israeli, they would find that he is quite ready to do what is necessary to achieve this purpose.

This should be noted that the advertisement, like virtually every statement of this nature, offers no alternative to the program offered by Messrs. Rabin and Peres, only a rejection of the one possibly viable plan that has been set forth to date.

ALFRED LAND

Upper Nazareth.

THE SINGING RABBI

Sir, - It was with sadness that I read in the Jerusalem Post of October 23 about the untimely passing of the "Singing Rabbi," the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach.

The front-page article was not quite accurate in stating that the "Jewish Elvis Presley," as he was called in the late 1950s, got his start in San Francisco. Rabbi Carlebach was brought out to St. Louis, Missouri, by the late Rabbi Yecheskel Hartman, who was then the spiritual leader of the orthodox Congregation Tiferet Yisrael, to become my replacement as the youth leader of my Synagogue Youth Organization Group, in the fall of 1958.

Carlebach, then a young, energetic and talented rabbi/troubadour, made quite an impression on Jewish teenagers, with his lively singing and his lyrical voice accompanying himself on his guitar and jumping all over the stage.

It was a time when many young Jewish kids were leaving the faith. The bearded Carlebach mesmerized and greatly influenced these youngsters with his very modern, unorthodox style of performing, imitating the hero of the age, Elvis Presley. It was in early 1959 that Rabbi Carlebach made and paid for his first record, "Hanesomo Loch," in St. Louis. The record was not only popular in St. Louis. It made a hit in the Big Apple. The recording launched the Singing Rabbi's career as a world-famous Jewish entertainer. For 35 years, Rabbi Carlebach was a well-known entertainer, going on concert tours, cutting records and composing beautiful, modern Jewish music. However, his greater contribution was the influence he had on Jewish youth in America and elsewhere to stay in the faith and practice traditional Judaism.

Rehovot.

DAVID FROELICH

TAXI SERVICE

Sir, - We called a taxi stand several hours before our departure for a hospital appointment and were told to call a few minutes before the time. When we did, all the taxis were busy and we had to try many stations before we got one.

A similar thing happened to some elderly friends. They had ordered a taxi for 6:15 a.m. to get to hospital for an eye operation. At the appointed time, no taxi came. This situation must be remedied.

JUDITH PINSKY

Ramat Gan.

SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION

Sir, - Since writing "Changing the Rules in Midstream" (Letters to the Editor, but before its publication on October 9), I received reimbursement from Tel Aviv University for the entire sum my son had paid for tuition.

Happy as we were to have the issue satisfactorily concluded, nonetheless we asked ourselves: Were the members of the Tuition Fees Committee so swayed by the unassailable logic of my son's letter that they promptly initiated a genuine reversal of policy; or was it the list of those who received copies of his letter, namely MKs' including the minister of education. Hebrew newspapers, students' union and the ombudsman, that convinced them that plans to offset losses in one area by appropriating funds from another would eventually be thwarted?

Although I would like to believe that the answer is the former, my experience with Israeli bureaucracy leads me to doubt that this is the case. Where I come from, a bureaucratic "no" is not an invitation to flump the table or stomp the foot (figuratively speaking, that is); yet over the years, I and other formerly meek immigrants have learned that there is little alternative when confronted with the typical Israeli bureaucrat, who is rarely noted for his/her logic, intelligence or courtesy.

In respect of TAU, were all other students in similar situations refunded in full, according to the original agreement, without having to resort to a flurry of letter writing or, not so figurative, thumping and stomping?

PATRICIA CARMEL

Hod Hasharon.

CLINTON'S FUTURE

Sir, - It would be wise for President Clinton to remember that two of his predecessors, former presidents Nixon and Carter (the only two who visited Israel) were not returned to the presidency after their historical visits to Israel. Mr. Nixon was the first president to resign from office shortly after his return from a glorious visit to Israel. Mr. Carter did not gain a second term as president despite all his magnanimous efforts to create peace between Israel and Egypt.

If one is to judge by precedents, President Clinton's future is worrisome.

F. HEIMAN

Jerusalem.

THE peace agreement with Jordan and the Declaration of Principles with the PLO have introduced a new dimension in this country's political map.

Up to the Six Day War, the Herut Party played down its desire for the historic Land of Israel; that was wisdom, combined with lack of choice. The Green Line and, even more, the land east of the Jordan appeared as stable and permanent as the Berlin Wall and the 38th parallel in Korea.

There was no point then for it to raise the issue of "both banks of the Jordan," or even sovereignty over Jerusalem and the West Bank, as realistic objectives.

A suppression of the longing for expanded borders enabled the establishment of the Gahal Party, which incorporated the Liberals, and the rise of a substantial opposition. Labor, on the other hand, went on with the practical pioneering tasks of developing the land and the people who lived on it, as it had for years.

Then came the earthquake of 1967. Moshe Dayan and Yitzhak Rabin were the heroes of the military victory, but, politically speaking, those who gained were Menachem Begin and his people. From then on, they were on solid ground, demanding full annexation of the territories that had been acquired and everything that went with it.

The left, for its part, dithered. The Land of Israel Movement (known abroad as "Greater Israel") was founded by people who mostly came from Mafpi-Labor ranks. A chasm opened up between doves and hawks (that's when the terms were coined) and, in the course of time, people left Labor and joined the Likud and its adjunct groups. Begin received them with open arms and gave them good places on Knesset election lists.

On the other hand, the doves, including Labor secretary-general Arie (Lova) Eliav, quit their jobs and founded new leftist parties - Moked, Ya'ad and Sheli - which failed to achieve any dazzling success.

As we know, the result was the 1977 election upset and Moshe Dayan's crossing of the aisle to become foreign minister in the Begin cabinet.

TEDDY PREUSS

pressure and, most forcefully, the intifada (which proved that you can neither sit on bayonets nor eat them) they decided on Yitzhak Rabin.

Unlike the earlier days of Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir, the government didn't wait around for any telephone call. It asked the international exchange to put it through to our enemies.

In Israel, where the secret contacts with the PLO were unknown, people started asking, "Why did we vote for Rabin?" while the Arabs fumed: "Rabin is no better than Shamir!"

The left has an ideology. The right has only fears

This went on until the Oslo bombshell, followed by the Washington and Cairo agreements, and finally the treaty with Jordan.

JUST AS Labor got upset by the acquisition of the territories in 1967, today's march to peace is shaking up the Likud.

History is now in step with Rabin and Peres - or perhaps they with it. They, not the right, are the ones now standing on solid ground. The right's heckling now refers to Arafat as "the master-murderer" and protests "the selling of the Land of Israel," and so on. But the right hasn't come up with any positive proposals.

Disturbances in the territories, angry articles in the press, demonstrations outside the premier's home are not an alternative program but a mode of protest. Just as Labor lost its direction when it ruled the territories, so now the Likud is losing its orientation in the face of the moves toward peace.

No wonder heretical notions have popped up among Likud leaders, with activists like Roni Milo and Meir Sheerit supporting the withdrawal from Gaza. Ya'acov Shamai, a Netanyahu man, has voiced similar views.

These activists are the mirror image of Labor members who lurch in Herut's direction after 1967, and even joined it.

The Likud leaders' goal today is to preserve party unity; and it will be a harder job than the one which fell on Levi Eshkol in 1967.

Yitzhak Shamir said recently that Labor doesn't need an ideology, but the Likud cannot do without one.

This is the opposite of reality. Only the leftist parties have ideologies, in Israel or elsewhere. These are expressed by anti-nationalism, disarmament and narrowing socio-economic gaps; by tolerance toward minorities, and equality for victims of discrimination and groups such as women, ethnic minorities and homosexuals; and by standing up against religious coercion and fanaticism.

The right has none of these. It feeds on fears, not ideologies; fear of peace, of the loss of national identity, of other cultures, of social innovations, of non-conformists and national-ethnic minorities.

These fears can be mobilized to gain electoral support, but they do not add up to an ideology.

The right's only ideological component is the Land of Israel. Without the territories, the cracks in the Likud will deepen, intensifying personal conflicts and offshoots to the left and right.

From 1948 to 1967, Menachem Begin's personality preserved the integrity of his movement, and it wasn't always easy. Who will maintain it now?

The writer is a senior journalist with the daily Davar.

POSTSCRIPT

THE ONLY hint of trouble Christopher Graves had was one quick bee sting. Then he was covered from head to toe by a swarm of bees that stung him a thousand times.

The insects flew out of a vacant building in Rotstown, Texas, as Graves was starting a lawnmower. "He didn't see them coming," his mother said. "One came and stung him, and in the blink of an eye, he was covered. His back probably has 500 stings alone."

Graves was listed in serious but stable condition, his body badly swollen.

"It was like a horror movie," said the fire chief, adding that Graves was covered in bees from head to toe when firefighters got to him.

One of the firefighters was stung 30 times although he was wearing protective clothing. His partner was stung 10 times, a policeman directing traffic a kilometer and a half away reported he was stung and, at the hospital, bees still clinging to Graves' clothes stung a nurse.

The insects were aggressive Africanized honeybees. The so-called killer bees were introduced to the southern US after escaping from a Brazilian apiary in 1956.

WHEN CLIVE Miller heard that a magazine was looking for the messiest home office in America, he thought he had the contest in the bag. There was only one problem.

"I called the magazine and they sent me a copy that explained the contest," said Miller of Claremont, California. "But of course I put it in here somewhere and lost it."

Eventually Miller found the contest rules and entered. And won.

The 56-year-old writer and former professor of literature at Stanford University won the dubious distinction from Home Office Computing magazine, beating out hundreds of entries.

"I don't know whether to feel elation or shame at what I've done," Miller said.

His home office is piled high with wobbly towers of old bank statements and investment magazines, his plastic "in" and "out" trays hopelessly crammed with paperwork.

The prize for Miller's mess: a computer to eliminate paperwork, and a four-day visit from a clutter control expert.

"Four days won't be enough," Miller said.

These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

Hap TA advances in Cup play Tottenham sacks Ardiles

Hapoel Tel Aviv advanced to the final pool of the European Cup with an easy 86-66 home win over the Czech Republic's Baník Brno last night.

Hapoel won the first leg in Europe last week 79-72. The final pool will consist of 12 teams divided in two equal groups. The draw will be held in Munich on Saturday with the tournament starting on November 22.

Tel Aviv, which started the season in the European Club Championships but was eliminated by Greece's PAOK Saloniki and demoted to the European Cup, was never seriously tested and coach Zvi Sherf was able to test different combinations.

Buck Johnson was top scorer with 24. Hapoel led 40-21 at halftime.

In Spain yesterday, Hapoel Jerusa-

JOEL GORDIN

lem went down by 13 points, 79-66 to Taugres to end its participation in the European Cup. The capital city squad had only a nine-point cushion (91-82) from the first leg. The game was played at the unusual hour of noon to accommodate the local TV stations.

The Spaniards stormed ahead by 25 points in the first half. Jerusalem came back into the game and trimmed the deficit to 11 with 10 seconds on the clock. However, the Jerusalemites missed two free throws in succession which would have cut the deficit to the necessary nine points.

At the final buzzer, Taugres scored a last basket.

Papi Turgeman scored 19 (plus eight assists), Hubert Roberts 15

(plus eight rebounds), Radenko Dvorosh 13 (seven rebounds) and Billy Thompson 11 (seven rebounds).

Two more clubs tonight have an excellent opportunity to make the final pool of the Korać Cup. Hapoel Eilat is at home in the second leg of the final preliminary round to Bipa-Moda of Odessa. Eilat won the first leg by 24 points (78-54). Hapoel Galil Elyon goes on the road against Spain's Cáceres with a 19-point (102-83) lead under their belts from the first leg.

Ironically, league leader Maccabi Rishon LeZion is out of the contest. They were beaten at home last week 84-72 by Greece's Panionios.

Last night, in the second leg, the host Greeks thrashed them by the embarrassing score of 105-64.

LONDON (AP) — Former Argentine World Cup star Osvaldo Ardiles was fired yesterday as manager of Tottenham Hotspur.

Despite Saturday's 3-1 victory over West Ham, Tottenham owner Alan Sugar made the move because of a series of poor recent performances. They included elimination from the League Cup by Notts County, which places last in the division, yet beat mighty Spurs 3-0.

Ardiles was summoned to Sugar's home Monday night and told the news.

"The decision to let Ossie go has been one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make in my life," Sugar said yesterday, adding that assistant coach Steve Perryman will temporarily take over the club.

Ardiles spent some £8 million to produce one of the most exciting strike-forces in the league by hiring World Cup stars Jurgen Klinsmann, Ilie Dumitrescu and Gheorghe Popescu.

But the team's defense, which badly needed strengthening, was repeatedly left exposed while Ardiles placed too much emphasis on attack.

After the loss to County, angry Spurs fans banged their fists on the

team bus as it left the stadium. Ardiles, popular as a player at Spurs when he was hired after Argentina's World Cup triumph in 1978, was seen as the man responsible for the nose dive in form.

"I am not a bitter man. People have criticized me, sometimes in quite a savage way," Ardiles told a news conference. "I was particularly upset when people were telling lies about me in the media. I don't have time to be bitter. It's a very negative thing."

Ardiles confirmed that Tottenham had suggested bringing in a more experienced manager to work alongside him. "There were one or two names mentioned, but I turned them down," Ardiles said. "You have to live and die by your own principles, and that's what I did. I did it that way, and I can say I did it my way."

Saturday's victory over West Ham lifted the team to 11th in the 22-team standings. But Tottenham will lose six points at the end of the season as an FA punishment for financial irregularities exposed last season so that it now has little chance of winning the title.

As part of the same punishment, the FA banned Tottenham from this

season's FA Cup competition. The club is a record eight-time winner of the competition.

Ardiles also had spells as manager at Swindon, Newcastle and West Bromwich Albion before moving to Spurs in the summer of 1993.

Meanwhile, Terry Venables's job as England soccer coach is safe despite new allegations of improper business activities, the Football Association said yesterday.

"It is our belief he retains the overwhelming backing of his fellow professionals to fulfill the task he's undertaken," FA chief executive Graham Kelly said. "He will continue to do so with the FA's full backing."

QPR 2, Liverpool 1

In a late game Monday, England striker Les Ferdinand scored a late winner for Queens Park Rangers as Liverpool squandered a chance to climb into third place in the Premier League.

Trevor Sinclair fired Rangers ahead in the 28th minute at Loftus Road, and John Barnes, who hit the crossbar a few minutes earlier, scored the equalizer for the Liverpoolians in the 65th minute.

Ferdinand's winner came five minutes from time when he collected a pass from Clive Wilson and drove the ball home.

The result pushed Rangers up three places to 15th while Liverpool remains fifth.



TOUGH GOING — Bears RB Robert Green (1) is pulled down after a short-yardage gain. Both teams are wearing "historical" uniforms to celebrate the NFL's 75th anniversary. (Reuter)

Bennett leads Pack past Bears

CHICAGO (Reuter) — Edgar Bennett scored three touchdowns to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 33-6 win over the Chicago Bears in a driving rainstorm Monday as Chicago retired the uniforms of former stars Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers.

Bennett ran for 105 yards while scoring three TDs for the first time in his career.

The Pack's Brett Favre, who did not complete a pass until midway

through the third quarter, capped a spectacular 36-yard touchdown run with a dive into the end zone that made it 14-0 with just over four minutes left in the first half.

Favre's run was the longest of the season for the Packers.

The Bears did not score until 9:05 in the final quarter when Steve Walsh, who replaced the ineffective Erik Kramer to start the second half at quarterback, connected with Jeff Gra-

ham for a five-yard score.

Both Butkus and Sayers joined the Bears in 1965. Butkus, from the University of Illinois, was known as a ferocious middle linebacker for nine seasons with the Bears. The Illinois class of '65 also produced local basketball great Tal Brody.

Sayers, from the University of Kansas, was a star running back for seven seasons before knee injury permanently ended his career.

Newcastle out of UEFA Cup

BILBAO (AP) — Jose Angel Ciganda's second-half goal led Spain's Athletic de Bilbao to a 1-0 victory over Newcastle yesterday, ousting the Premier League leaders from the UEFA cup in a second-round, second-leg match.

The two clubs tied on 3-3 aggregate but Athletic de Bilbao advanced on the away-goal rule.

Ciganda scored in the 67th minute after threatening to score several times earlier in a match that saw Newcastle play defensively from the opening whistle.

Ciganda picked up a through ball going down the left side and then scored on a left-footed shot from 18 meters that Newcastle's Czech goalie Pavel Smisek got his right hand on but failed to stop.

Athletic's Ander Garitano failed in a chance to ice the game in the 85th minute when his penalty shot hit the goal post to the right of Smisek.

Newcastle hadn't lost a game all season until it fell over the weekend to Manchester United.

Athletic de Bilbao, 3-2 losers in the first leg, pressed in the first half and had the best two scoring chances. The Spaniards continued to scramble in the second half and were rewarded with Ciganda's goal.

Aussies hold on for draw with England

PERTH (AP) — A stubborn Western Australian team held on for a draw yesterday, the final day of its four-day cricket match against England at the WACA Ground.

England captain Mike Atherton declared his team's second innings overnight at 393 for six, leaving Western Australia chasing an unlikely 401 for victory.

The state team was 272 for five at stumps after fighting an impressive rearguard action.

Zimbabwe-born rookie Murray Goodwin top-scored again with 77, following his excellent 91 on Sunday in the first innings.

Fast bowler Phil DeFreitas was England's most potent threat with figures of four for 60 from 21 overs, but Devon Malcolm was wayward and could not add to his first innings tally of six for 70.

Left-handers Adam Gilchrist and Craig Coulson resisted all England's attempts to part them — and captain Mike Atherton shook hands on a draw with half an hour remaining.

DeFreitas, stealing himself for a long season as England's main stock bowler, beat the bat several times with movement in the air and off the

wicket. He broke through with his second ball of the morning to give the tourists a flying start.

The seamer had Brad Hogg caught down the leg-side by diving wicket-keeper Steve Rhodes for a duck.

Mark Lavender and Goodwin then defied England's attack until half an hour into the second session while adding 119.

Skipper Atherton even gave himself a bowl before lunch, sending down two overs of his rarely seen leg-spin.

DeFreitas got the breakthrough with an lbw decision against Lavender (51), who offered no shot to a ball that cut back.

England next faces South Australia in a match that starts Friday in Adelaide, but will again be without injured duo Alec Stewart and Shaun Udal.

Vice-captain Stewart fractured his right index finger while practicing on the eve of the first game of the tour, against an Australian Cricket Board chairman's XI at Lilac Hill, while off-spinner Udal broke his left thumb trying to take a catch during that match. Both players hope to be fit for a one-day match on November 9.

Stich upset in Paris Open

PARIS (AP) — Andre Agassi, the US Open champion, made his return to the Paris Open, defeated Javier Sanchez of Spain, 7-5, 6-4 and Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands downed Czech Daniel Vacek, 7-6(7-4), 6-2.

Vacek was a late replacement for American MaliVai Washington who injured an ankle in a warm-up on Monday.

Sampras is the No. 1 seed while defending champion Goran Ivanisevic is seeded second. Both begin their play today along with Boris Becker, who beat Sampras, Stich and Ivanisevic in consecutive days at the Stockholm tournament last week.

Spurs suspend Rodman

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs suspended forward Dennis Rodman indefinitely and without pay yesterday because of his behavior.

Tom James, a spokesman for the NBA team, said Rodman was being suspended because of "conduct detrimental to the club." He would not say whether the suspension came about because of a particular incident or several incidents.

James said the length of the suspension will be determined shortly.

Rodman missed a team bus and meeting during the Spurs' training camp. He was also fined \$15,000 for not showing up on time for a preseason game against the Milwaukee Bucks last month. Rodman had not been expected to play that game because of back trouble.

Rodman said he considered the fine excessive and said the Spurs should "let Dennis Rodman be Dennis Rodman," and added, "I think I've been pretty good so far."

"If they want to trade me they can. That's just business," he said.

Rodman led the NBA in rebounding last season with an average of 17.3. He also led the league in technical fouls with 34.

Supreme court nixes Reynolds's \$27 million lawsuit victory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Track star Butch Reynolds, who was disqualified from the 1992 Olympics for failing a drug test, lost his Supreme Court bid Monday to collect \$27.4 million from the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

He had argued that the drug test was faulty.

The justices turned down Reynolds' argument that a US court had the authority to order the governing body of international track and field to pay damages for saying he tested positive for steroids.

The action, taken without com-

ment, was a victory for the IAAF, formerly based in London and now in Monaco.

Reynolds, a gold and silver medalist in the 1988 Olympics, was suspended by the IAAF in 1990 after he tested positive for steroids following a track meet in Monte Carlo.

Reynolds contended the test was faulty, and the US track and field governing body exonerated him. But an IAAF arbitration panel ruled in 1992 in London that the drug test was valid. The panel upheld Reynolds' suspension, which kept him out of the Barcelona Olympics.

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New baseball league is taking shape

NEW YORK (AP) — Organizers of the new United League unveiled their plans yesterday, saying it probably was too late to begin in 1995 but that 1996 was a realistic goal.

"There are at least 20 cities large enough to support a team," said former Congressman Bob Mrazek, one of the founders, "cities larger than Cincinnati and Milwaukee, which already have one."

Mrazek, agent Dick Moss, Rep. John Bryant of Texas, and Smith College economics professor Andrew Zimbalist are the four founders of the league. The United League would be the first challenger to Major League Baseball since the Federal League, which began in 1914 and folded after the 1915 season.

The UL plans on starting with 10 teams, including one in Canada and Mexico. It would hope to double in size by 1999, adding expansion franchises in Asia.

Individuals involved in the UL include former major leaguer Curt Flood, who unsuccessfully sued owners in the 1970s; former NBA player Tom McMillen, another former congressman; US Trust Co. VP Eric Vinson and William Gray of the United Negro College Fund.

Several criticized current major league owners for their hiring, saying minorities were largely excluded.

"Minorities in the United Baseball League will be able to step from the batter's box to the owners' box," Vinson said.

Moss, Donald Fehr's predecessor as general counsel of the Major League Baseball Players Association, said the league would try to sign free agents next winter and also would try to sign amateurs this summer. He said trying to take advantage of the current major league work stoppage by starting next spring was unworkable.

The organizers didn't list cities. They hope to sell the charter franchises for \$5 million each — less than 5 percent of the \$173m it cost Peter Angelo's group to buy the Baltimore Orioles last year.

McMillen said it was important to have a team in Washington. A draft proposal said teams in the New York and Los Angeles areas were a must, listing Long Island and Riverside-San Bernardino as possibilities.

Player salaries would average \$520,000 in 1996, half the current major league average of about \$1.2m.

Meanwhile on Monday, baseball owners filed an unfair labor charge for alleged threats made last week by three New York players: Bobby Bonilla, John Franco and Scott Kamieniecki.

Franco, a free agent who relieved for the Mets last season, was quoted as saying he would "go after with his fists" any player who broke ranks and attempted to play while the union was on strike.

Bonilla, a Mets outfielder, was quoted as saying any player who crossed a picket line would "end up in the East River."

Kamieniecki, a Yankees pitcher, said that after a settlement, he might aim his pitches at players who broke ranks.

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Head of labor council calls on Ramon to resign

THE chairman of labor council secretaries, Pinhas Kabbalo, yesterday called on Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon to resign, and accused him of "spitting into the well he has drunk from."

This follows Monday's stormy demonstration of Histadrut and labor council workers against Ramon's intention to fire more than 1,000 of them.

This is the first confrontation of its kind between the Histadrut leadership and the labor councils, the Histadrut's branches throughout the country. The schism is so deep that the council secretaries intend to ask Labor and

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir to turn the councils into branches of the ministry.

Kabbalo announced that in view of the no-confidence in him expressed by the demonstration, "Ramon must draw the conclusions and resign... If he thinks he can run things with orders and hide in his office rather than negotiate with the workers, then he should step aside and let someone else do the job."

Kabbalo along with other labor council secretaries are to meet Namir sometime this afternoon to urge her to

transform the councils into ministry branches.

They then intend to meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to ask for his help in preserving the rights of the worker.

Earlier today the council secretaries will meet Labor's with Histadrut faction to discuss their plight. Faction chairman Haim Haberfeld yesterday advised Ramon "to assume responsibility and stop blaming others for everything that happens. It's time Ramon understood that the elections are over, and he is the chairman of the Histadrut. With this position comes responsibility."

Ramon expected to spurn 'amnesty' offer to return to Labor

SARAH HONIG

HISTADRUT Chairman Haim Ramon's friends and allies in Labor say there is little chance he will return to the party any time soon.

Their pessimism came following a meeting late Monday between Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivili and Labor's leading doves: Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and MKs Hagai Merom, Avraham Burg, Ya'el Dayan and Noa Masalha.

The talk in Labor is that Zivili conferred with them to get preliminary reactions to an "amnesty plan" geared to bring Ramon and MKs Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avital back into Labor. The three were ousted from the party when they ran against its ticket in last May's Histadrut elections, dealing Labor its first defeat in that arena.

The Ramon trio is still closely associated with the five with whom

Zivili conferred yesterday. It was his first meeting with the group since two years ago, when a bitter rift developed between him and its members.

The main obstacle to any speedy return by Ramon and his sidekicks to Labor, it is reported, stems from conditions Zivili presented at the meeting. He demanded that Ramon disband his electoral bloc in the Histadrut with Meretz and Shas, something Ramon cannot do without losing his political power base. The five criticized this as "an impossible demand," which they charged Zivili knew Ramon could never even consider.

Another Zivili demand, which is said to have upset Ramon, is that Ramon immediately cease his attacks on Labor, an apparent reference to the

scrimony between Ramon and the Labor Histadrut faction, which Ramon claims was behind the violent protests against him at the Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv Monday by dismissed employees.

Ramon's charges were hotly denied by the Labor Histadrut faction yesterday, amid angry claims that Ramon "is seeking to destroy the Histadrut rather than to rehabilitate it." Ramon repeated his charges that Labor "fomented all the trouble as part of a calculated drive to undermine my administration."

Zivili told the five that he had set up a committee headed by MK Eli Goldschmidt to come up with an "amnesty formula" to return all those expelled from the party but without "degenerating it into anarchy." But Ramon's allies doubt that an amnesty will send Ramon back.

Court: No need to indict Deri again

EVELYN GORDON

THERE is no reason to indict former interior minister Aryeh Deri again now, because he has enough on his plate with his current trial, the High Court of Justice said yesterday.

It was ruling on a petition by Amnati - Citizens for Good Government, which demanded that Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair serve a planned second indictment - for alleged misuse of Interior Ministry funds - now, instead of waiting until the current case is finished.

Deri is currently on trial in Jerusalem District Court for bribe-taking, fraud, breach of trust, and falsifying corporate documents.

Amnati argued that if the indictment were not served now, Deri would claim miscarriage of justice

because it had been left hanging over his head for so long.

"[Deri] is sitting every day in another trial," responded Justice Eliezer Goldberg. "Why not give him a little rest, a chance to finish one matter [before going on to another]?"

"There's a rather ugly type of persecution here," added Justice Dalia Dorner. "You don't treat a person that way."

Amnati tried to argue that serving the indictment would be a long process, because the attorney-general must first give Deri a hearing and then ask the Knesset to remove his immunity. It also insisted the hearing would not be a lot of work for Deri's

lawyer.

"The hearing isn't lip service," Goldberg retorted. "It comes from a serious intention to listen, to weigh, and to decide."

"This takes a lot of work," agreed Justice Dov Levine. "There's a huge amount of material [in the current trial] that could occupy a man day and night. No lawyer would agree to take on additional material."

The state also rejected Amnati's fear that the statute of limitations on the indictment might run out, saying this will not happen for years.

In the end, under heavy pressure from the court, Amnati withdrew the petition. However, the court rejected the state's request for punitive court costs.

State: Officers involved in Tze'elim-2 accident were punished enough

EVELYN GORDON

FOR outstanding officers such as those found guilty of negligently causing the deaths of five soldiers in the Tze'elim-2 training accident, being demoted is punishment enough, the state told the High Court of Justice in a written statement yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by the families of four of the five soldiers killed in the November 1992 accident, in which a missile was fired erroneously. The petition asked the army to appeal the leniency of the sentence meted out to the two convicted officers - three months suspended and a demotion of one rank. The families want the two stripped of officer's rank, saying the current punishment has no deterrent effect.

The hearing was supposed to take place yesterday, but was delayed until Friday so the two officers can be added as respondents. Since they would be negatively affected if the petition were accepted, the court said, they must be represented at the hearings.

In its response, the state said that while the sentence was lenient, it was not exaggeratedly so. The military court took account of several legitimate factors: The investigation and trial dragged on for two years, during which time the officers' military careers were stalled; the officers were not represented at the trial; and the

two were "outstanding officers in the full sense of the word, who dedicated the best part of their time to defending the security of the state."

"For outstanding officers such as these, the punishment of being demoted a rank is very significant," wrote head of the Justice Ministry's High Court division Nili Arad.

One of the judges in the trial even thought no demotion should have been imposed, Arad noted.

Arad also rejected the petitioners' claims that pressure had been applied to the chief military prosecutor to dissuade him from appealing and that the ruling was discriminatory. While it is true that the two did not receive as harsh a punishment as others who have been found guilty of negligently causing death, the leniency was a legitimate response to the special circumstances of the case, she wrote.

Usually, prison terms are imposed in cases where deaths resulted from negligence. However, the military court said the rarity of accidents in the Sayeret Matkal unit in question made this unnecessary.



Ethiopian Ambassador Kongit Sinegiorgis (seated, center) and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban visit a kindergarten at the Hatvot Koah caravan site. The two visited several locations where immigrants live in the north and center of the country. (Yitzhak Eliahu/Scoop 8)

Lab workers union calls work dispute

JUDY SIEGEL

THE union representing biochemists and microbiologists declared a labor dispute yesterday, after Kupat Holim Clalit decided to close many of its processing laboratories in hospitals and community clinics in the center of the country.

The lab workers claim the efficiency measures will force the dismissal of many staffers, in addition to "much suffering and red tape" for health fund members.

"It is a foolish and useless decision that will cause terrible harm to patients," insisted union chief Asher Goldschlager.

The labs to be shut down are those in Nazareth, Ramat Hanassi in Bat Yam, Jaffa, Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan,

Ashkelon, and the lab at Tel Aviv's Zamenhoff Clinic.

Clalit spokesman David Tagar declined to say how many lab workers would be fired as a result of the reorganization. But he said the purchase last year of giant computerized testing devices by Hitachi and Seddyne have made it possible to test tens of thousands of blood, urine and other samples in a single day, without human involvement.

"We reject all attempts by the professional union to prevent advancement and computerization in the labs," Tagar said.

The new system will mean that lab

results will be ready the next day. Samples will continue to be taken in community health clinics, and messengers will bring them to centralized labs for processing. Tagar said the Jaffa-Bat Yam-Holon union of lab workers has approved the efficiency plan.

The union claims that the closing of labs will increase waiting times for results and lower morale of the doctors, nurses and others who treat patients.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh met yesterday with Moshe Zeligler, head of the union of Clalit workers, and Dr. Miriam Tzan-

gen, head of the Clalit doctors union, to discuss their objections to the health fund's recovery program.

The unions refuse to go along with the plan, which will entail the dismissal of 1,000 staffers, lower wages and longer working hours. They have sent a proposal to management, for consideration by the Finance Ministry, in which workers will lead their employers NIS 120 million over two years, and get the money back linked, in 10 years.

Such would say only that unless the unions agree to the recovery plan, the government will not start transferring NIS 3 billion in state subsidies, which would leave the health fund penniless.

Labor wants Golan referendum, not early elections

SARAH HONIG

THE Labor Party is planning for a referendum on Golan withdrawal sometime next year, but will under no circumstances consider early elections, according to a working plan submitted to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday.

Meanwhile, an internal Labor party inquiry commission has come up with a damning report on the membership drive which preceded its 1992 primaries.

The working plan, put together for the party by a team headed by Secre-

tary-General Nissim Zivili, covers the period up to the scheduled Knesset elections in November 1996.

Party insiders ascribe the aversion to early elections, at least in some measure, to polls which over the past six months have consistently shown Labor slipping in relation to the Likud, and the entire left losing to the right.

The plan is to be brought before the party political bureau for deliberation

and ratification at special session on Friday. According to the plan, Labor is to set up a special campaign headquarters to gear up for the referendum and prepare public opinion for ceding the Golan.

While the party gets ready for the future, its internal inquiry commission confirmed that the 1992 membership drive was tainted by fraud and that many of those who had signed on as party members, thus

obtaining eligibility to vote in the primary, were either paid off, coerced, or recruited by a variety of other illicit means.

The commission acknowledged that so many irregularities may have affected the primary results.

Many of those recruited by these means did not remain in the party, whose rolls show a loss of tens of thousands of members shortly after the primary.

The Labor central committee is due to take up the report.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordanian families' blood to arrive today

Blood samples from the family of 12-year-old Jordanian girl Heba Rushdi Shaban will be brought to Israel today for tissue typing at Hadassah-University Hospital, in Ein Karem, to see if a bone-marrow transplant is possible. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered that NIS 20,000 be spent on conducting tests to find a donor for Shaban, whose father appealed for help in treating her congenital anemia.

Amnati wants Rishon mayor out

Amnati - Citizens for Good Government yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order the removal from office of Rishon LeZion Mayor Meir Nitzan for non-fulfillment of his duties. Nitzan is appealing his conviction on bribery and breach of trust charges and sentence of three months' probation and a NIS 10,000 fine.

Immigration running 3% over last year

Aliya is up three percent so far this year compared to last year, and up 21% last month over October 1993, the Absorption Ministry announced yesterday. In the first 10 months of the year, some 65,200 immigrants arrived, including 53,560 from the CIS. In October, 8,100 immigrants arrived, 7,000 of them from the former Soviet Union.

Polish tourist drowns in Kinneret

The body of a Polish tourist who had been missing since Sunday was pulled from the Kinneret yesterday afternoon near the Tiberias beach. He had been working as a deck hand on one of the Kinneret boats. Police believe he got drunk and went down to the beach to swim, then drowned. No foul play is suspected.

Chief army chaplain cleared of burial 'fiasco'

EVELYN GORDON

THERE is no evidence that IDF Chief Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon was responsible for the decision not to bury non-Jewish soldier Lev Pisahov in a military cemetery, the High Court of Justice said yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by Michael Lipsky, who asked that the army be ordered to investigate Navon's role in the affair.

Pisahov, the son of immigrant from the former Soviet Union, was killed last year in a terrorist attack while doing his army service. Because he was not Jewish, however, he was initially buried outside the military cemetery in Beit She'an. A week later, after a public outcry, he was reburied in the military cemetery. The army set up a commission to investigate why this was not done at first. The army commission blamed

Northern Command Chief Rabbi Avraham Ohanona, but Lipsky claimed to have evidence that Navon was really responsible. However, after examining his evidence, Justices Dov Levine, Eliezer Goldberg and Dalia Dorner said in no way implicated Navon.

"Where is there any material that would lead the judge advocate-general to open an investigation?" Levine demanded.

"You want us to open an investigation against the chief army rabbi when you haven't produced anything against him," said Goldberg. "We have found nothing. Nothing! An investigation is a serious matter!"

The justices tried to pressure Lipsky into withdrawing the petition. When he refused, they slapped him with court costs of NIS 3,000.

Only 'good news' in Histadrut daily press clippings

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE compilation of press clippings on Histadrut affairs, distributed daily by the Histadrut spokesman's office, is censored, and any newspaper article considered critical of the labor federation leadership is omitted, Labor's Histadrut faction spokesman Avram Belzer charged yesterday.

More than 400 copies of the press clippings are distributed, to the Histadrut seniors and for filing in Histadrut archives for future generations and for research and historical purposes.

Belzer attacked what he called "the Bolshevik policy of the Histadrut leaders, concerning the news they permit Histadrut members to read. The Histadrut's new leaders are trying to re-write history, as they would like to see it. A democratic institution should know how to accept journalistic criticism, which isn't always pleasant."

Belzer said he had been following

the press clippings systematically for the past few weeks, and noticed that not a day goes by when items critical of the Histadrut are not omitted. When he queried the Histadrut's spokeswoman's office, he was told that "this was accidental, but the practice continues. For instance, earlier this week a report in *Davar* headlined: 'Postponing the elections in the Arab sector - political corruption' was not included," Belzer added.

He noted that most of the items being omitted are those praised in *Davar*, the Histadrut's newspaper. Belzer expressed fear that now that the "censorship" has been exposed, Ramon would cancel the press clippings altogether, under the pretext of saving the Histadrut some more money. Ramon himself, he noted, has his own private collection of daily press clippings, which includes all reports on himself.

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